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Standard Rules Consultation No.12

Changes due to the Introduction of the
Industrial Emissions Directive

Post Consultation Summary

Summary

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (“EP Regulations”) allow us to offer standard permits, to reduce the administrative burden on business while maintaining environmental standards. They are based on sets of standard rules that we can apply widely in England and Wales. The rules are developed using assessments of the environmental risk posed by the activity.

The rules take considerable time, resources and consultation to develop but once in place they make applying and determining the applications comparatively easy. This is because there is no need for a site-specific risk assessment.

In May 2015 we consulted on a number of changes to several different rule sets, to bring them into alignment with the Industrial Emissions Directive.

This consultation coincided with a similar consultation being run by the Environment Agency in England.

The consultation asked for opinions on changes to the following rules sets.

1. SR2008 No24: Clinical Waste Transfer Station
2. SR2008 No25: Clinical Waste Transfer Station + treatment
3. SR2009 No 2: Low Impact Part A Installation
4. SR2009 NO 3: Low Impact Part A Installation for the production of Biodiesel
5. SR2010 No12: Treatment of waste to produce soil
6. SR2012 No 3: Composting in closed systems
7. SR2012 No 4 Part A installation: Composting in closed systems
8. SR2012 No 7: Composting in open systems
9. SR2012 No 8 Part A installation: Composting in open systems
10. SR2012 No10: On-farm anaerobic digestion using farm wastes only
11. SR2012 No12: Anaerobic digestion facility including the use of resultant biogas
12. SR2012 No13 Part A installation: Treatment of incinerator bottom ash

Response

We published the consultation package on our webpage, and contacted every affected permit holder directly to inform them of the changes.

We received no responses back as a result of the consultation.

Next Steps

As we received no responses to the consultation, we are satisfied that the changes proposed can be introduced.

The standard rules sets for each of the affect permits will be amended, along with the Generic Risk Assessment for each permit, to include the new thresholds specified by the Industrial Emissions Directive.

There will be no need for operators or regulator to vary existing permits. The changes will automatically apply to both new and existing permits. If an operator can no longer comply with the limits in the rule set, then they will need to contact us to discuss the best permitting options for their operations.

We are intending to consult of further changes to a number of Standard Rules sets over the coming months.