

Environmental Permitting (waste facilities, installations, mining waste operations and mobile plant)

Charges for 2011/12

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010

From April 2010, the regulation of waste facilities, installations, mining waste operations and mobile plant came under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010. All related charges for 2011/12 form part of the Environmental Permitting Charging Scheme 2011/12. The Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs must approve the proposed charging schemes and requires us to:

- secure sufficient funding for us to regulate environmental permits effectively
- recover our regulatory costs from the applicants for and holders of environmental permits.

We regulate the environmental impact of major industrial and waste activities and the management and disposal of waste through Environmental Permitting. This system of chargeable permits ensures the protection and improvement of the environment in England and Wales.

Where our money comes from

In 2011/12, we expect to spend around £1.1 billion on the whole range of our activities. Government will contribute around 63% of this through grants and the rest must be raised mainly through charging for environmental permits and flood risk management work. The charges we set to recover the costs of environmental permits for waste and major industry will raise £61 million (5.6%). We do not use money raised from charges for these permits to pay for our other activities.

No baseline increase to charges

We are keeping the level of our charges the same as in 2010/11 in recognition of the difficult economic circumstances. With forecasts of inflation ranging from 3.7% to 4.8% we believe this will provide assistance to our charge-payers.

Technical changes to the charging scheme

There are a number of technical changes to the Environmental Permitting charging scheme, the key elements are listed below. Some lead to lower charges but others lead to a charge increase to fund specific new activities. In some cases the increase will only impact on a limited number of charge-

payers. For more details on any of the changes see the 2011/12 Environmental Permitting scheme and guidance on our website.

- A new suite of charges for Mobile Plant
- An increase in subsistence charges for waste facilities and installations to fund the cost of the Air Quality Response Unit
- An increase in subsistence charges for power stations to fund the design of the regulatory framework for Carbon Capture and Storage

Consultation process on amendments to the scheme

We reviewed the previous Environmental Permitting charging scheme during 2010 and consulted customer groups and a range of individual charge payers on the suggested amendments, before seeking approval from the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs. A summary of the consultation comments received and our responses can be downloaded from our web pages.

If you were not involved in the consultation and would like to be included in any future Environmental Permitting or other charging consultations, please contact Jeremy Risdon:

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Please provide your name, job title, organisation and full contact details as well as the schemes you are interested in.

Further information

If you require more information on our charges please contact us using the telephone number that appears on your invoice or have a look at the charges section of our website.

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