

Working Together Agreement between Environment Agency and Water UK Environmental Permitting Regulations (England and Wales) 2007

What we want to achieve by working together on permitting decisions

- Protection of the environment and the general public in relation to activities prescribed under the Environmental Permitting Regulations
- A risk based approach to permitting and to requests for further information

Roles and Responsibilities (of each participating organisation)

- The Environment Agency is one of the regulators under the Environmental Permitting Regulations in England and Wales and has responsibility for the permitting of certain industrial and waste management activities specified in the Regulations
- Under the Environmental Permitting Regulations, the Environment Agency has responsibility for regulatory measures contributing to the implementation of European Directives, listed in Annex 1
- Water UK represents sewerage undertakers in England and Wales. These bodies are responsible for providing advice to the Agency with respect to the activities permitted under the Environmental Permitting Regulations

How we will work together

Generally we will:

- Work to the principles described in the Memorandum of Understanding between the Environment Agency and Water UK
- Share information where appropriate

Specifically the Environment Agency will:

- Consult with local sewerage undertakers on applications for bespoke permits required for activities addressed by the IPPC Directive (96/61 EC).
- Consult with local sewerage undertakers on all applications for a variation (from operators) and on regulator initiated variations which entail a substantial change¹ to a relevant permit (one required under the IPPC Directive), or where we otherwise consider there should be consultation.
- Take account of comments that are received within the agreed timescale.
- Seek to improve the current joint working agreements based on experience

Specifically the local sewerage undertaker will:

- Respond on matters within their remit with clear, concise views concluding whether, in their opinion, this application should be approved, approved with specific conditions or rejected.
- Respond within 20 working days .

¹ A substantial change is one which could have significant negative effects on the environment or the general public

Annex 1

Directives which are implemented through the EP Regulations 2007

The IPPC Directive (96/61/EC), The Waste Framework Directive (1975/442/EC), Waste Incineration Directive (2000/76/EC), The Waste Electrical and Electronic Directive (2002/96/EC), Landfill Directive (99/31/EC), The End of Life Vehicle Directive (2000/53/EC), Large Combustion Plants Directive (2001/80/EC), Solvent Emissions Directive (99/13/EC); Habitats Directive (92/43/EC), The Asbestos Directive (2003/18/EC), The Titanium Dioxide Directive (92/112/EEC)