

#### 4.9.10 Installations: Onshore Oil and Gas Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the onshore oil and gas sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.8 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.8 of the subsistence charges table.

Regulation at most existing sites is unchanged and costs are now more reflective of regulatory effort.

Fracking activities will face higher costs, as we continue to support development of this new technology. In particular, Hydraulic Fracturing Plans (HFPs) will incur supplementary charges using time and materials charging. We will use an hourly rate to recover costs since the amount of work required on each HFP will vary. This will ensure that the amount paid by each operator with an HFP will be cost reflective. We will charge £125 an hour to assess and monitor an HFP. The rate reflects the higher level of technical expertise of staff involved.