

4.9.12 Installations: Combustion and Power Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the combustion and power sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.10 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.10 of the subsistence charges table.

Many existing customers will see a financial benefit as a result of the review, many sites will see a reduction in annual charges.

Medium combustion plants

The Environment Agency will be responsible for the regulation of the Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD). We estimate up to 30,000 permits needing to be issued between 2018 and 2030. The first 50 – 200 permits for new MCPD sites will need to be issued before the end of 2018. Existing sites will need to be permitted by either 2025 (5-50 megawatt thermal - MWth) or 2030 for sites 1-5MWth.

We hope to use an on-line process for the vast majority of permits. There will be, however, some 5-10% of permits that will be more complex and bespoke in nature. These include diesel arrays and data centres.

To prepare we have included two types of bespoke permit categories, setting out application charges. Subsistence activity will be subject to time and material charging if necessary. We also propose to use the default standard permit charges for the majority of the permits. This will make sure that charges can be in place for the earliest applicants.