

4.9.14 Installations: Metals Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the metals sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.12 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.12 of the subsistence charges table.

The new charges are a much more accurate reflection of the costs associated with regulating different sites within the sector; we do not propose any shift in the way we regulate this mature sector.

High numbers of smaller, low risk sites will see a reduction in subsistence charges – a reflection of the lower regulatory effort.

Some large, highly complex sites will see an increase in their subsistence charges – a reflection of the regulatory activity required to manage the high environmental risks posed at these sites.