

#### 4.9.20 Waste: Landfill and Deposit for Recovery Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the landfill and deposit for recovery sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.17 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.17 of the subsistence charges table.

We see significant rises in charges for the 'Landfill and deposit for Recovery' sector, particularly for closed landfill and some recovery activities, as we raise regulatory effort from unsustainably low levels to address risks of pollution and harm.

There are no application charges for closed landfills. We propose that variation and surrender charges for closed landfills will be based on the percentage of the application charge for a new facility of the same type. For example, the variation charge for a closed inert waste landfill will be based on a percentage of the application charge for a new inert waste landfill.

We propose to levy a fixed charge for high risk landfill site reviews in addition to annual subsistence charges. (This is outlined in detail in section 4.2.5 of the Guidance to Environmental Permitting (England) Charging Scheme 2018.)

Where an installation landfill ceases to accept waste for disposal, subsistence will be charged at the rate for a closed landfill from the point that we accept the site is definitively closed (see charge table, rows 2.17.1 – 3 and 2.17.7 – 11). For example, once we accept that an operational landfill for non-hazardous waste is definitely closed, we propose to charge subsistence under row 2.17.9 or 2.17.10.

The regulatory effort we apply to gas utilisation plants (whether they fall above or below the threshold in the EPR, schedule 1, section 1.1) is the same. A fixed charge will apply for these sites (see 2.17.12 of the Charge Scheme).