

4.9.6 Installations: Chemicals Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for the chemicals sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.4 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.4 of the subsistence charges table.

We have not proposed any significant shift in the way we regulate this mature and generally high performing sector.

The approach we have adopted for this sector is to differentiate sites based on the process design and the level of additional support activities on site such as combustion plant and effluent treatment facilities.

The production of organic and inorganic chemicals has been split between:

- Continuous production
- Complex batch/semi-continuous production
- Simple batch production

Charges have also been adjusted dependent on whether the plant discharges to sewer or a watercourse via an onsite effluent treatment system, or if there are other site specific factors requiring additional regulatory effort such as an onsite incinerator, or multiple processes, or multiple large combustion plants.