

## 4.9.7 Installations: Refineries and Fuels Sector

The proposed permit categories and baseline charges for oil refineries and fuel sector can be found in the tables of charges in the schedule to the charging scheme. Charges relating to permitting applications are in Part 1.5 of the application charges table; annual compliance charges are found in Part 2.5 of the subsistence charges table.

Oil refineries and storage are highly complex processes and pose a significant hazard to communities and the environment; the impact of incidents or other poor operation can be very severe.

These businesses also present significant challenges in reducing their impact on air quality. A lot of work is needed to find solutions to mitigate this.

We will improve our approach to the regulation of refineries, fielding both a lead and support officer for each site to improve technical resilience and to allow us to respond promptly to priority issues.