

Response form for Consultation on amendments to standard rules: Incorporation of decarbonisation readiness requirements, carbon capture at anaerobic digestion facilities and withdrawal of SR2009 No4.

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In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation but will not include any personal information. If you have requested your response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.

Consultation principles

We are running this consultation in accordance with the guidance set out in the [government's consultation principles](#).

If you believe the consultation has not been run in accordance with the principles, please email consultation.enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Telephone: 03708 506 506

Monday to Friday, 8am to 6pm

Otherwise, for all other queries relating to this consultation, please email decarbonisationreadiness@environment-agency.gov.uk.

How to respond

This consultation will run for **8 weeks** from **23 October 2025 until 23:59 on 18 December 2025**. We will consider all responses received by the closing date.

We would like you to use this form if you are not submitting your response online. You can return it by email to decarbonisationreadiness@environment-agency.gov.uk with the subject header "Consultee response: Consultation on amendments to standard rules (DR)". Please use this email address if you have any questions regarding this consultation.

Ask for a copy of the Consultation Document

Contact us if you would like a printed version of the consultation document sent to you.

You can do this by contacting:

National Customer Contact Centre

Telephone: 03708 506 506

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About you

When we come to analyse the results of this consultation, it would help us to know if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group.

Please tell us if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group:

- ☐ (a) responding as an individual
- ☐ (b) responding on behalf of an organisation or group
- ☐ (c) other

If you selected (b), please tell us the name of your organisation or group:

If you selected (c), "other" please specify:

What sector do you represent?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ **Government & regulators**
- ☐ **Environment**
- ☐ **Agriculture & horticulture**
- ☐ **Public water supply**
- ☐ **Navigation**
- ☐ **Recreation**
- ☐ **Energy**
- ☐ **Business**
- ☐ **Industry**
- ☐ **Other**

If you selected 'other', tell us your sector.

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What is your email address?

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Can we publish your response? We will not include personal information.

Select one of the following: (This is a required question)

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If you answered 'No', please tell us why below as we will need to understand this when responding to any Freedom of Information requests.

Decarbonisation readiness

We have proposed conditions that will require operators to keep a decarbonisation readiness report, review at least every 2 years and provide a copy to the Environment Agency on request. Operator's will need to ensure they can meet their chosen decarbonisation readiness and will be required to notify us if their chosen route changes.

Question 1: Do you agree with the requirements of proposed conditions?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes

- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

The proposed conditions should be clear enough for operators to understand their responsibilities and be able to comply with the decarbonisation readiness requirements.

Question 2: Do you agree that the proposed conditions are clear for operators?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

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Question 3: Are there any additional conditions you think should be included?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

It should be clear which permitted generators are subject to decarbonisation readiness requirements. We will make reference to these in the introductory notes of the standard rules permits that we issue. The decarbonisation readiness reports should also include this information.

Question 4: Do you think we need to be clearer which generators decarbonisation readiness is relevant to?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

Carbon capture, upgrading and storage

We have proposed conditions for anaerobic digestion standard rules to allow for carbon capture, upgrade and storage. This will make the standard rules available to more facilities.

Question 5: Do you agree with the inclusion of carbon capture and upgrading into the standard rules?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

We have included a list of technologies in the proposed conditions. This limits the treatment of biogas to produce carbon dioxide to filtering, washing, water scrubbing, distillation, compressing, condensation, drying and cooling.

Question 6: 2. Do you agree with the technologies specified within the proposed conditions?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

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Question 7: Do you think we need to include other carbon capture and upgrading technologies into the standard rules which we have not specified?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.

Withdrawal of SR2009 No 4: combustion of biogas in engines at a sewage treatment works

We are proposing to withdraw standard rules SR2009 No 4 combustion of biogas in engines at a sewage treatment works, as these are no longer required and have been incorporated into SR 2021 No 10.

Question 8. Do you agree with the withdrawal SR2009 No 4?

Choose one of the following:

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Not applicable

Please provide further details to help us understand the reasons behind your response.
