Response form

Standard rules consultation no 20: revision of standard rules sets for biowaste treatment

We welcome your views on our proposals to revise standard rules. Please use this form if you are responding by email or post rather than online.

Please complete the questions and where there is a free text field, give as much information as possible to support your answer.

**How we will use your information**

The Environment Agency will look to make all responses publicly available during and after the consultation, unless you have specifically requested that we keep your response confidential.

We will not publish names of individuals who respond.

We will also publish a summary of responses on our website in which we will publish the name of the organisation for those responses made on behalf of organisations.

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.

If you would like anything in your response to be kept confidential, you are asked to state clearly what information you would like to be kept as confidential and explain your reasons for confidentiality. The reason for this is that information in responses to this consultation may be subject to release to the public or other parties in accordance with the access to information law (these are primarily the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIRs), the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Data Protection Act 2018 (DPA)).  We have obligations, mainly under the EIRs, FOIA and DPA, to disclose information to particular recipients or to the public in certain circumstances.   In view of this, your explanation of your reasons for requesting confidentiality for all or part of your response would help us balance these obligations for disclosure against any obligation of confidentiality.  If we receive a request for the information that you have provided in your response to this consultation, we will take full account of your reasons for requesting confidentiality of your response, but we cannot guarantee that confidentiality can be maintained in all circumstances.

The Environment Agency is the data controller for the personal data you provide. For further information on how we deal with your personal data please see our Personal Information Charter on gov.uk (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/about/personal-information-charter>) or contact our Data Protection team.

Address: Data Protection team, Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH

Email: dataprotection@environment-agency.gov.uk

Returning your response

The consultation will run for 12 weeks from 21st October 2019 to 13th January 2020.

The closing date for responses is 13th January 2020. Any responses we receive after this date will not be included in the analysis.

We would like you to use this form if you are not submitting your response online. You can return it by email to standard-rules@environment-agency.gov.uk using the heading Standard rules consultation no 20. Please use this email address if you have any questions regarding this consultation.

Or by post to:

Environment Agency, Future Regulation - Permitting [Standard Rules Consultation no 20]
Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol BS1 5AH

Section 1: About you

To help us analyse the responses we receive we’d like to understand more about you and type of business you own, operate or represent.

Q1. Please tell us if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group.

Please select one answer only from the following options:

□ Responding as an individual

□ Responding on behalf of an organisation or group

□ Other

If you're responding on behalf of an organisation or group, please tell us who you are responding on behalf of.

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If you selected other, please specify.
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Other, please specify

Q2. Keeping up to date

The Environment Agency would like to keep you informed about the outcomes of the consultation. If you would like to receive an email acknowledging your response and be notified that the summary of responses has been published please give us your email address below.

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By providing us with your email address you consent for us to email you about the consultation. We will keep your details until we have notified you of the response document publication.

We will not share your details with any other third party without your explicit consent unless required to by law.

You can withdraw your consent to receive these emails at any time by contacting us at:

standard-rules@environment-agency.gov.uk.

Q3. Can we publish your response? We will not publish any personal information or parts of your response that will reveal your identity.

 □ Yes

 □ No

If you do not wish for us to publish your response, you need to tell us why:

Q4. Please tell us how you found out about this consultation?

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| □ From the Environment Agency |
| □ From another organisation |
| □ Through an organisation/group/club you’re a member of |
| □ Local marina□ Press article  |
| □ Social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter |
| □ Through a meeting you attended□ Other (please specify)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ |

Section 2: Your views

This consultation is your opportunity to comment on our proposed amendment to the rules. Once we have considered all the consultation responses, and made any changes, we hope to be able to publish the revised standard rules and risk assessments by April 2020.

We particularly want your feedback on the following questions:

Q5. Do you agree with our approach to revise the standard rule sets?

Please tick the relevant box

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| □ Yes (please jump to question 9) |  |
| □ No (please provide more detail in questions 6 - 8) |  |
| □ I don’t know (please jump to question 9) |

Please explain your answer:

Q6. Which proposal(s) do you not agree with?

Q7. Why do you not agree with the proposal(s)?

Q8. If possible, please suggest any counter proposals, together with evidence demonstrating that they provide the same level of environmental protection. Feel free to enclose any additional documents which may support your answer.

Q9. Please let us know if you think there any barriers to using the revised rules:

Q10. Please tell us how this proposed change may financially impact your business:

Section 3: Other comments

Q11. We really value your feedback on our proposals. Please tell us if you have any further comments that have not been covered by the previous questions. Please provide as much information as possible to support your answer.