

Permit Application to dispose of Low Level Radioactive Wastes at the Port Clarence Landfill Site

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Background

The Environment Agency is currently assessing an application from Augean North Ltd to accept Low Level Radioactive Wastes (LLW) for disposal at the Port Clarence Landfill Site.

This briefing provides a summary of the consultation process, where you can view what people have said and our response to those comments, along with the current position of the application process.



Public consultation

We ran an extensive consultation for this application from 20 September 2019 to 31 January 2020 using a range of engagement methods. We attended two public drop-in sessions in Port Clarence and Billingham that were well attended. We also met with the Tees Valley Mayor, local MP and Councillors from local councils. As a result we have received significant feedback with over 2300 responses. A vast majority of the comments were associated with the location of the landfill site, which is a matter for the planning authority to consider. The Environment Agency's remit is to consider the application at the location chosen by the applicant to ensure it is safe and within the limits that we consider acceptable for disposal of this type of waste. We have reviewed all the responses carefully and produced a consultation summary that is being considered as part of our determination process. You can view this document on our consultation page at <https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/north-east/port-clarence-landfill-permit-application>

Once we have come to a proposed decision on the application, we will consult with stakeholders again.

The EPR permit application

The technical assessment of the application is ongoing, requiring the provision and review of further information and significant discussions with the applicant, Augean. It is expected that it will take several more months before we can produce a proposed decision for the application, sometime in 2021. We would like to reassure you again that we will not issue a permit unless we are satisfied that it is safe and within the limits that we consider acceptable for disposal of this type of waste.

Who to contact

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