# About this consultation

DT2 8WG, Nuclear Restoration Services Limited, EPR/PB3898DC/V004: application to change (vary) the radioactive substances permit at Winfrith nuclear site

**The aim of this consultation is to ask whether you have any comments relevant to the permit application**

We want to make the best decision when permitting. Listening to the views of others helps us to take account of concerns, or local environmental factors, that we may not be otherwise aware of.

We are seeking comments on the application to change (vary) a radioactive substances permit.

Nuclear Restoration Services wants to make on-site disposals of solid radioactive waste at the Winfrith nuclear site. Both the Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor and Dragon reactors have large sub-surface voids or basements constructed from reinforced concrete. Nuclear Restoration Services plan to demolish all the remaining site buildings including the reactor buildings to ground level and backfill the sub-surface voids with the demolition waste which will mostly be concrete, bricks and tiles. Some of the floors and walls of the sub-surface structures have low level radioactive contamination and some of the waste that will be used to backfill the structures will be radioactive.

Please use the reference number below when making comments on this application.

* Permit Number: EPR/PB3898DC/V004
* Regulated facility type: The Winfrith site is operated, and being decommissioned, by Nuclear Restoration Services Limited (NRS). The Winfrith nuclear site was built in 1957 as a research and development facility and operated until 1995. There were nine prototype nuclear reactors at the site, but only two remain (the Steam Generating Heavy Water Reactor and Dragon).
* Regulated facility location: Winfrith nuclear site, Gatemore Road, Dorchester, Dorset, DT2 8WG

## Non-Technical Summary

Refer to the non-technical summary which explains this application, in non-technical language. This should include a summary of the regulated facility, the technical standards and control measures arising from the risk assessment.

## What the response will be used for

We will take your consultation responses into consideration as part of our determination of the permit. If we decide to grant the permit we will explain how we made our decision and how we have addressed the concerns that were raised.

We will only issue a permit if we believe that harm to the environment, people and wildlife will be minimised and that the operator has the ability to meet the conditions of the permit. Providing a business can prove that the proposed activities meets all the legal requirements, including environmental, technological and health requirements, then we are legally obliged to issue a permit, even if some people do not approve of the decision.

## How to respond

If you would like to comment online, please use the online consultation form in Citizen Space.

If you'd prefer to submit your response by email, use the response form (look in related documents) and email it to [nuclear@environment-agency.govuk](mailto:nuclear@environment-agency.govuk)

## How we will use your information

We will make comments received publicly available at our Environment Agency public register.

All comments which are made publicly available will exclude email addresses and telephone numbers. Any comments where confidentiality has been claimed will not appear on the public register.

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 government’s [Consultation Principles](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance).

If you have any queries or complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out, please email: [nuclear@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:nuclear@environment-agency.gov.uk)