

Briefing Note: Review of existing Medium Combustion Plant (MCP) at Permitted Installations

30th April 2024

Schedule 25A of the Environmental Permitting Regulations places a duty on the Environment Agency (EA) to apply the requirements of the Medium Combustion Plant Directive (MCPD) (EU) 2015/2193.

The Environment Agency will be contacting selected operators of chapter II permitted installations with a [regulation 61 notice](#) requiring them to provide information about any qualifying existing medium combustion plant (MCP) (e.g. boiler, engine, turbine) with a net rated thermal input between 1 and less than 50MWth included within their permitted installation.

MCP(s) may be identified in the permit as:

- A primary activity
- A directly associated activity (DAA)
- A point source emission.

Once received the Environment Agency (EA) will review the information provided and where necessary vary the affected permit(s) to ensure that it includes, as a minimum, the requirements in the MCPD.

Regulation 61 notices will be issued to installation operators identified by the Environment Agency as having the potential for in scope medium combustion plant on site which has not previously been reviewed or where we are missing information about the medium combustion plant.

The regulation 61 notices are planned to be sent out via email on a sector basis in May and June 2024 as follows:

20 May – 24 May 2024

- Cement, Lime and Minerals
- Combustion (not data centres)
- Slaughterhouses and Animal By-Product (SA)
- Nuclear
- Oil and Gas Paper and Pulp
- Refineries
- Metals
- Textiles

10 June – 14 June 2024

- Combustion (data centres)
- Chemicals
- Landfill

We do not intend on contacting Agricultural operators (intensive farming installations) until a later date which is yet to be decided.

The notice will ask for information about:

- Any existing medium combustion plant 1-50MWth. Details such as those show in this [spreadsheet](#) will be required for each plant.
- Confirmation where applicable that you have no in scope MCP(s) or you believe they are excluded under MCPD Article 2.
- For any plant 5-50MWth demonstration that you already meet or plan to meet the MCPD emission limit values by the regulatory deadline of 1st January 2025.

Operators will be given 2 months to return this information.

Information should be returned using a specially created response tool – a link to this will be provided in the regulation 61 notice.

We have created a [frequently asked questions](#) document which gives more detail about this review.

If you have any questions

Please read the [guidance](#) and [FAQ's](#)

If you have any questions about making an operator led permit application, you can access pre-application support [here](#), selecting the 'installations activities' form.

You can join our MCP and SG mailing list [here](#)

All other enquiries can be made to enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk or call us on 03708 506 506