

Our ref: IF IED review L01  
Date: February 2019

Dear Permit holder,

### **It is nearly time to review your environmental permit**

Your environmental permit requires you to operate your farm using Best Available Techniques (BAT) to protect people and the environment. BAT is reviewed and updated periodically through the BAT Reference Document (BREF) for the Intensive Rearing of Poultry or Pigs (Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/65/EU). A new version of the BREF was released in 2017 and this contains a series of BAT conclusions. We now have a legal obligation to review and update your permit.

During 2017, we changed our permits to ensure they were compliant with the new BAT conclusions. Some recently issued permits will not need any further review or communication from us.

### **You need to be compliant by 21 February 2021**

The BAT conclusions (1) were published on 21 February 2017. All farms permitted before this need to be compliant with the new BAT conclusions within 4 years of this date.

We believe that by complying with your existing permit requirements, for the most part, you will already be meeting most of the newly revised techniques. Following feedback at AHDB Pork's workshops last year we have reviewed our approach to assessing the BAT conclusions relating to ammonia emissions. We are continuing to work closely with AHDB Pork and we believe that most existing permitted farms should meet the new BAT ammonia emission requirements.

However, there are some additional requirements that apply to all farms, primarily around reporting emissions and in some instances requirements for new housing. If you are considering building new sheds or facilities, expanding or changing your operation please speak to your site officer to check what the new requirements are.

### **Reviewing your permit**

To ensure your permit is fully up to date and that you can meet the required techniques we must conduct a review and update your permit if necessary. If we do need to update your permit, there will be a charge for this to recover our costs. In our charging scheme this is classed as a variation fee.

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1 Available here: <http://eippcb.jrc.ec.europa.eu/reference/irpp.html>

We have made this process as straightforward as possible and anticipate that we can use the information we already hold about your farm. Subsequently, we are able to charge a reduced variation fee of £380 (for comparison, the usual variation fee is £2,406).

- We will review all BAT conclusions that apply to your farm, and do not expect to need additional information from you. We will get in touch if we do.
- We will contact you to notify you of the expected changes to your permit.
- We will issue an updated permit to set these out.
- We will then issue an invoice for £380.

We will be carrying out the review of all intensive farming permits from early 2019 until late 2020. If we need to update your permit, we will be in contact with a revised permit and further information on any changes or requirements during this time period. If you have a recently issued or varied permit (from around November 2017 onwards) you will not need a revised permit and we will not contact you about this again.

If you have any questions, please contact me using the details below, or telephone our customer contact centre via 03708 506 506.

Yours faithfully,

Your name here

Contact details