

NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited
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Our ref: EPR/JP3122GM/V011

Your ref:

Date: 02 October 2023

Dear Mr Holbrook

We need more information about your application and payment of the variation application charge

Application reference: EPR/JP3122GM/V011

Operator: NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited

Facility: Hinkley Point C (HPC) construction site (variation regarding DIN, Cadmium and Chromium), Hinkley Point C, Wick Moor Drive, Near Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1UD

Thank you for your application received on 02/08/2023. I need to ask you for some missing information, and application fee payment before I can do any more work on your variation application.

Please provide us with completed responses to information requests 1 and 2, and payment of the variation application fee as detailed below. **Please send the requested information and payment of the permit variation application fee within 5 working days of this letter (by close of 10/10/2023).**

Your responses to the information requests listed below are required to ensure that we have the correct information to begin our determination of your variation application, and to confirm your variation application as duly made.

Information request 1:

You (HPC) have provided a summary of the H1 surface water risk assessment outcomes in the main supporting report (reference. HPC company document – Environmental permit variation application: Hinkley Point C Construction Water Discharge Activity Permit – Tunnel Effluent (101131164)).

Your report explains that the proposed variation DIN, cadmium and chromium concentrations/loadings do not need detailed WQ modelling (based on the concentrations screening out of the risk assessment process via the marine H1 risk assessment approach).

However, we need the underpinning calculations, and the raw data you have used to complete the risk assessment screening tests/steps. This information is required to ensure that we can audit and repeat the calculations you have completed to demonstrate clearance through tests 1 to 5 (to ensure that we can replicate the same outcomes, and ensure that the correct background data/numbers have been utilised). We also need to see the calculations behind the annual significant load test result for cadmium.

The requirement to provide the above data is stated within our permit variation application form (via Part C6 for question 8b), the application form C6 guidance document (via the response for Part C6 question 8b), and our GOV.uk website:

- **Permit variation application form (Part C6):**
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/6204c7e88fa8f5109e853d7e/Part_C6_vary_a_bespoke_water_discharge_activity_and_groundwater_point_source_environmental_permit.pdf
- **Permit variation application form (Part C6) guidance:**
https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/media/61af1ed8e90e07044b1ef553/Guidance_epc_application_for_a_permit_part_c6_varying_a_water_discharge_activity.pdf
- **EA guidance on GOV.uk regarding surface water pollution risk assessments for your environmental permit:** <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/surface-water-pollution-risk-assessment-for-your-environmental-permit#submit-your-results>

Information request 2:

The following report is referenced in the main supporting information report (reference: Company document – Environmental permit variation application: HPC construction water discharge permit):

- TR428 revision 14 (2021): HPC construction discharge modelling assessment at the temporary jetty location.

To assist our review of the variation application, please provide us with a copy of this technical report (TR428 rev 14, reference: 101131164).

Confirmation details of where to send the requested information and the required timescale for your responses

Please send the information, quoting the above application reference, to:

Email addresses (please send your response to both listed below):

- [REDACTED] e-mail address: [REDACTED]
- Integrated Permitting Services (IPS) e-mail address for water discharge activity permit applications: PSC-waterquality@environment-agency.gov.uk.
For information, IPS is the new name for our permitting and support centre (P&SC) to whom you have previously submitted your permit and variation applications.

Postal address (if unable to send via e-mail):

- Integrated Permitting Services
- Quadrant 2
- 99 Parkway Avenue
- Parkway Business Park
- Sheffield
- S9 4WF

Please send the requested information and payment within 5 working days of this letter (by close of 10/10/2023).

Additionally, the variation application fee of £8.437 has yet to be paid (broken down as below based on our permitting charging scheme 2022 guidance available on [GOV.uk](https://www.gov.uk)):

- Substantial variation fee (table 1.3, reference 1.3.14 on page 36 of the above guidance): £7,158
- Additional charge: £500 for advertisement of the variation application (see 10.(a) on page 13 of the above guidance)
- Additional charge: £779 as a habitats assessment will be required (see 10.(iv) on page 14 of the above guidance).

Details of how to pay are given in [Part F](#) of the application form.

If we do not receive the request further information and variation application fee payment within 5 working days (by close of 10/10/2023) we will return your variation application.

If we do receive the requested information and payment within 5 working days, we'll continue to check your application. We'll check to see if there's enough information for the application to be 'duly made'. Duly made means that we have all the information we need to begin determination. Determination is where we assess your application and decide if we can allow what you've asked for.

We'll let you know by letter whether your application can be duly made. If it can't be duly made, we'll return your application to you. If you have any questions please phone me on [REDACTED] or e-mail [REDACTED].

Yours sincerely

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