# About this consultation

TA5 1UD, EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd, EPR/CB3735DT/V008: application to change (vary) the radioactive substances permit at Hinkley Point B power station.

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.

Now the reactors are no longer operational and following defueling, certain radioisotopes are no longer produced. To reflect the current activities, EDF has applied to remove some radionuclide limits in its environmental permit EPR/CB3735DT.

The proposed changes to the environmental permit would more accurately reflect the reducing radiological hazard and risks from Hinkley Point B and align with the current lifecycle stage.

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

* Permit Number: EPR/CB3735DT/V008
* Regulated facility type: The Hinkley Point B power station is operated by EDF Energy Nuclear Generation Ltd (EDF). Hinkley Point B power station started producing electricity in 1976, using two Advanced Gas Cooled Reactors (AGR). In 2022 the site stopped generating with the reactors shutdown and isolated. The site is currently in the defueling phase and working towards Fuel Free Status. Reactor 4 defueled in September 2024 and the company is targeting Reactor 3 to be defueled by October 2025.
* Regulated facility location: Hinkley Point B power station, Nr Bridgwater, Somerset, TA5 1UD

## 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

## 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