

Update to this consultation (part 2)

TA5 1UD, NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited: environmental permit consultation

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.

In March 2019 we received an application to vary an existing environmental permit from NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited at Hinkley Point C nuclear power station, as the company no longer wants to include an Acoustic Fish Deterrent (AFD) as part of their cooling water intake system.

We made the application and supporting documentation available with in Citizen Space and started seeking comments from 15 March 2019.

In May 2019 we made available a number of additional and updated reports submitted by the company since the start of the consultation, for members of the public to view and comment on.

We also formally asked the company to provide us with the following additional report by 24 May 2019, which they referred to in their application, so that we can determine their permit variation application:

- TR493; The effect of not fitting an AFD system at HPC on the operation of the HPC FRR systems, Cefas (2019b).

We have not yet received this report - it is still being prepared by the company. It aims to provide information on the impact of removing the Acoustic Fish Deterrent (from the Cooling Water Intake design) to the Fish Recovery and Return (FRR) system.

To ensure the public has time to comment on this additional report we will extend the consultation period for a further 4 weeks from the date we receive this report.

Update

The company have now requested more time to prepare and submit this additional report. The deadline for the company to submit this additional report to us is now 28 June 2019. We have therefore extended our consultation period to 4 weeks after this date, to 26 July 2019.

We will make this additional report available to view online within Citizen Space as soon as it has been submitted.

Please submit your comments to us by 26 July 2019.

How can I get further information?

Please address any questions about this permit application to psc-waterquality@environment-agency.gov.uk

For general information about our permitting process please see www.gov.uk/topic/environmental-management/environmental-permits

For further information about our role in regulating Hinkley Point please see <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/hinkley-point>

How to Respond:

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

If you would like to send your response by post, please send to:

Environment Agency
Permitting and Support Centre
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But if you'd prefer to submit your response by email, or if you'd like to ask for a printed version of the document to be posted to you, please contact Permitting and Support centre on 03708 506 506, or email psc-waterquality@environment-agency.gov.uk

All comments need to be submitted by 26 July 2019.

How we will use your information:

All comments which are made publicly available will appear on Citizen Space – responses will exclude email addresses and telephone numbers. Any comments where confidentiality has been claimed will not appear on the public register. If you do not have access to the internet you can also view our public register at our offices in Bridgwater at Rivers House, East Quay, Bridgwater, TA6 4YS. You will need to make an appointment during office hours to do this by calling 03708 506 506.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation, but we 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 criteria set out in the government's [Consultation Principles](#).

If you have any queries or complaints about the way this consultation has been carried out, please contact:

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