

About this consultation

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.

We are seeking comments on the application for NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited. Please use the reference number below when making comments on this application.

- **Permit Number:** EPR/ZP3238FH/V004
- **Regulated facility type:** NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited has applied to the Environment Agency for a variation to environmental permit EPR/ZP3238FH/V004. The site is currently permitted for a combustion activity regulated under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016. The existing permit includes a Schedule 1.1 Part A(1)(a) activity, namely the burning of fuel in an appliance with a rated thermal input of 50 megawatts or more. This permits the operation of standby diesel generators to provide back-up electrical power at the site in the event of a loss of off-site power. Since the permit was originally granted in 2013, several design changes have been made. The proposed variation would allow the installation of additional back-up generators and changes to those already permitted, to improve the resilience of the site in the event of a loss of off-site power. These changes would increase the combined total thermal input of the combustion plant to approximately 243 MWth, representing an increase of approximately 67 MWth compared to the previously permitted total. As part of the proposed variation, NNB Generation Company (HPC) Limited is also seeking to reduce the permitted operational hours for the back-up generators to less than 500 hours per year. There is no change to the type of regulated activity permitted under the Environmental Permitting Regulations. In determining the application, the Environment Agency will assess whether the operator will use best available techniques (BAT) to prevent or, where that is not practicable, minimise emissions and impacts on people and the environment. A varied permit will only be issued if all relevant legislative and regulatory requirements are met.
- **Regulated facility location:** Hinkley Point C, Near 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 key 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 meet 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 tool in Citizen Space.

If you'd prefer to submit your response by email, contact PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

How we will use your information

We will look to 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 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 email: PSCpublicresponse@environment-agency.gov.uk

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