

About this consultation

Waste wood co-incineration plants environmental permit variations

The aim of this consultation is to ask whether you have any comments relevant to the permit applications

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 following changes to the permits for the plants listed in the overview section:

Regulated facility type: Waste wood co-incineration plants. Section 5.1 Part A(1)

- **Add to the Activity Table a 5.1 (a) hazardous waste co-incineration activity and other relevant conditions for hazardous waste co-incinerators.**
- **Insert waste code 19 02 04* (premixed wastes composed of at least one hazardous waste) into the table of permitted waste types to reflect the mixture of hazardous and non-hazardous waste which is already being received by the plant.**
- **Include a limit on the proportion of hazardous waste wood within the 19 02 04* waste stream of 10% to prevent the plants from taking a higher proportion of hazardous waste than they are likely taking now.**
- **Specifically exclude waste wood types from specialist demolition activities (i.e. railway sleepers, telegraph poles etc – see RPS 250 for a full list) from the 19 02 04* mixture.**

These changes will not have any impact on the operation of or emissions from the plants as they will simply formalise what they are already doing under RPS 250, and there will be no actual changes to the types of waste types received by the plant.

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 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.

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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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