Our permitting process

A company must apply to the Environment Agency to obtain an environmental permit

Environmental permits contain conditions to protect the environment

Assess

Pre-application discussions

We discuss proposals with the company

Application is received

When we have all of the information required to start assessing the application then it is 'duly made'

We invite people to comment on the application

The consultation opens on GOV.UK

Consultation

We assess the application; all responses received during consultation and any further information that may have been provided to us

Draft decision application

When we are minded to grant a permit we may consult again on the draft decision if the site is considered of high public interest

Final representations

We will consider any submissions received on the draft decision

Final decision

We publish our final decision and explanation of how we reached it

This includes a summary of issues raised and how we considered them



