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**Dear Sir or Madam**

**Standard Rules Consultation No. 12 – new and amended rule sets and risk assessments.**

We are writing to tell you about the changes we are proposing to make to a range of existing standard rules and the introduction of a number of new and replacement standard rules. Our records show that you may hold one or more of the standard rules referenced below or have a professional interest in this consultation.

The consultation seeks your views on our proposal for new and revised rule sets and risk assessments on;

- Asbestos waste transfer operations.
- A new Fire Prevention Plan for existing sites storing combustible waste material together with 21 replacement standard rules covering the same activities for new applications. There are additional amendments covering permitted storage periods and maximum storage limits.
- An increase in the number of household waste packaging codes for civic amenity sites and metal recycling facilities.
- Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) amendments affecting 12 rule sets.
- A new standard rule allowing metal recycling and WEEE treatment activities to take place at the same site. IED and other minor amendments affecting 6 rule sets covering Metal Recycling, Vehicle Storage, Depollution, Dismantling and Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment activities.

Standard rules permits have been used for a number of years across a variety of industries including waste management and water discharges. The standard rules are developed after the completion of a robust risk assessment. They define the activities that an operator can carry out and specify necessary restrictions on those activities.

We would welcome your comments on the proposed changes. You can access the consultation at this web address –

The Environment Agency, Permitting & Support Centre, Quadrant 2, 99 Parkway Avenue, Sheffield, S9 4WF  
Customer services line: 03708 506 506  
Email: [SRCN12@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:SRCN12@environment-agency.gov.uk)  
[www.environment-agency.gov.uk](http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk)

<https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/ep/src/standard/rules12>

Please note that Standard Rules Consultation No 14 is currently being developed which will include a number of further minor modifications affecting waste transfer and treatment activities. We expect this consultation to be ready shortly and we will be notifying relevant permit holders and interested parties accordingly.

**What the response will be used for**

We will use the responses of the consultation to decide whether we will publish the rules and if the controls provided are appropriate for this activity or need to be changed.

The consultation is now open and closes on the 6<sup>th</sup> March 2015.

If you don't have access to the website, please contact our customer contact centre on 03708 506 506, who will be happy to provide you with further information.

Yours faithfully

**Environment & Business Directorate**  
**Environment Agency**