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Dear Sir or Madam

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

We recently consulted on proposed changes to a range of existing standard rules and the introduction of a number of new and replacement standard rules. A list of the rules sets affected is given in the annex to this letter and our records show that you may hold one or more permits that are affected by these changes.

I am writing to give you formal notification, as required by Regulation 28 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations, that following consultation we are about to publish changes to these rules sets.

We consulted on proposed changes during November 2014 to March 2015. We have carefully considered the consultation responses and have published our decisions in the report: Standard Rules for the Environmental Permitting Regulations Consultation No 12 Summary of Consultation Responses and Decisions. You can read or download a copy of this report from the following link:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/environmental-permitting-standard-rules-consultation-no12>

If you do not 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.

We have decided to proceed with all of the proposals set out in the consultation and will be publishing new and amended rules sets on the gov.uk website on 1 December 2015. They will take effect from the date of publication for applications for new permits and from three months after the publication date for existing permit-holders.

A summary of the changes is given below. The consultation report describes these changes in more detail and sets out how we reached our decision.

1. Industrial Emissions Directive (IED)

Amendments have been made to reflect the legislative requirements of the IED. This includes changes to the notification requirements for low impact installations and the introduction of capacity limits for waste operations rules sets to ensure they remain below the thresholds that would otherwise require an installations permit.

2. Fire Prevention Plan

Twenty-one existing rules sets which store combustible waste have been amended to introduce the requirement for a Fire Prevention Plan to be submitted following a fire or if

requested by the Environment Agency. The amended rules sets are only available for existing permit-holders. New rules sets for the same 21 activities have been published for new applicants, which require the applicant to submit a Fire Prevention Plan with their application and to follow the plan as approved by the Environment Agency.

The rules sets for waste wood treatment have also been amended to introduce limits for the amount of waste that can be stored, the duration it can be stored for and the proximity of the site to sensitive receptors. The rules sets for 5 activities that allow waste to be stored outside have also been amended to limit the storage duration.

3. Civic amenity and materials recycling facilities

Amendments to 4 rules sets have been introduced to allow permit-holders to accept household packaging wastes.

4. Asbestos transfer stations

Amendments to the existing rules set clarify the requirements for surface water drainage, receiving bulky asbestos waste and the disposal activity 'D' codes that are allowed.

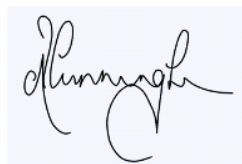
5. Metals recycling and WEEE Treatment

Amendments to 6 existing rules sets reflect the changes needed for the IED as described above, as well as changes to the surface water drainage requirements at End-of-Life vehicle sites and allowing equipment containing ozone depleting substances to be stored at WEEE sites. We have also published a new standard rules set for metal recycling and WEEE treatment to take place at the same site.

In addition to the changes described above, we have also updated references to Directives and legislation that have been superseded and made some minor amendments to use consistent definitions and terminology.

As an existing permit-holder, you will need to check whether you can continue to meet the requirements of the amended rules sets. If you cannot comply, you must take the appropriate steps such as modifying your activities or applying for a bespoke permit. You should contact your local Environment Agency Area office to discuss this in the first instance.

Yours faithfully



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Annex 1 List of amended rules sets

SR2008 No1 75kte: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station
SR2008 No2: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station (no building)
SR2008 No3 75kte: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station with treatment
SR2008 No4: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station with treatment (no building)
SR2008 No5 75kte: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station and asbestos storage
SR2008 No6: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station with asbestos storage (no building)
SR2008 No7 75kte: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station with asbestos storage
SR2008 No8: household, commercial and industrial waste transfer station with treatment and asbestos storage (no building)
SR2008 No9: Asbestos Waste Transfer Station
SR2008 No12 75kte: non hazardous household waste amenity site
SR2008 No13 75kte: non-hazardous and hazardous household waste amenity site
SR2008 No14 75kte: materials recycling facility
SR2008 No15: materials recycling facility (no building)
SR2008 No18 75kte: non hazardous mechanical biological (aerobic) treatment facility
SR2008 No20 75kte: vehicle storage, de-pollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility
SR2008 No21 75kte: metal recycling site
SR2008 No23 75kte: WEEE authorised treatment facility (ATF) excluding ozone depleting substances
SR2008 No24: Clinical Waste Transfer Station
SR2008 No25: Clinical Waste Transfer Station + treatment
SR2009 No 2: Low Impact Part A Installation
SR2009 No 3: Low Impact Part A Installation for the production of Biodiesel
SR2010 No12: Treatment of waste to produce soil
SR2010 No13: use of waste to manufacture timber or construction products
SR2011 No2: metal recycling site
SR2011 No3: vehicle storage de-pollution and dismantling (authorised treatment) facility
SR2011 No4: treatment of waste wood for recovery
SR2012 No 3: Composting in closed systems
SR2012 No 4 Part A installation: Composting in closed systems
SR2012 No 7: Composting in open systems
SR2012 No 8 Part A installation: Composting in open systems
*SR2012 No 9: On-farm anaerobic digestion using farm wastes only >100tpd
*SR2012 No10: On-farm anaerobic digestion using farm wastes only
SR2012 No 11: Anaerobic digestion facility including the use of resultant biogas >100tpd
SR2012 No12: Anaerobic digestion facility including the use of resultant biogas
SR2012 No13 Part A installation: Treatment of incinerator bottom ash
SR2012 No14: metal recycling, vehicle storage, de-pollution and dismantling facility

*Only minor amendments have been made to these two rule sets to bring in consistent terminology and definitions. These rules sets were not part of the consultation; the decisions described in the letter do not apply to them and the requirements have not changed.