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Dear Consultee

Consultation on a package of proposals to amend the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2013

I am writing to invite views on our proposals to amend the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 to introduce a number of measures, namely to:

- Remove the requirement for waste businesses to have to secure planning permission for certain waste operations before an environmental permit can be issued;
- Provide a registration scheme for low risk discharges to groundwater from some Ground Source Heating and Cooling systems;
- Simplify requirements on regulators in maintaining twin systems of public registers containing information connected with permit determinations;
- Possibly transfer the handling of appeals under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010 by the Planning Inspectorate, under delegated powers from the Secretary of State and Welsh Ministers, to the environment jurisdiction of the First Tier Tribunal;
- Make a number of other miscellaneous proposals:
 - Minor simplifications to regulators' handling of standard rules permits
 - Simplifying requirements relating to landowner permission to clean up
 - Correcting two oversights in respect of permit transfers
 - Allowing greater flexibility in relation to the service of notices on the body corporate.

You can find the draft Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 and associated documents on our website at

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/consult/open/>

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals and specifically on the questions that have been asked in the document.



Responses

Please send responses to:

By e-mail: eppadministrator@defra.gsi.gov.uk
By post to: Environmental Permitting Consultation,
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By e-mail: RPPMailbox@wales.gsi.gov.uk
By post to: EPR Consultations
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Responses should be received by **4 April 2013** at the latest.

Consultation Criteria

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Yours faithfully

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