

Screening criteria to identify which environmental permit applications require a consultation for health protection advice.

For installations and waste operations we will consult Public Health England and Directors of Public Health on applications for bespoke permits and variations which entail a substantial change in accordance with agreed screening criteria.

A substantial change is defined in the Environmental Permitting Regulations (2010) at Schedule 5, Part 1, para 5(5). It only concerns changes which may have a significant negative effect.

We will consult on an application if any of the following criteria apply:

- a) for combustion plant >50 MW rated thermal input;
- b) for biomass combustion plants;
- c) for waste incineration or co-incineration plant;
- d) for landfill sites;
- e) for composting and biological treatment sites;
- f) where the [HI assessment](#) indicates a need for air dispersion modelling to be carried out;
- g) containing a Human Health Risk Assessment or Health Impact Assessment;
- h) which have a 'C', 'D' or 'E' attribute for emissions or location under the Environment Agency's [OPRA](#) scheme, or where the total OPRA score is greater than 150 points;
- i) an application relates to onshore oil or gas;
- j) COMAH sites (as indicated on the application form);
- k) any application that has a Single Environment Manager; and
- l) any other application which in the professional judgement of the permitting officer has potential health risks associated with it, or where the permitting officer is aware of local interest or concerns (historical or current).

As a an additional safety measure we will provide Public Health England with a list of all applications we have received, on a weekly basis, so that they can use their local knowledge and professional judgement to request any additional applications for comment.

The criteria will be reviewed on a regular basis in accordance with the Working Together Agreement.