CONSULTATION No8 – REVIEW OF STANDARD RULES

Dear Sir / Madam

We are writing to tell you that we are proposing to review some existing standard rules and risk assessments for waste operations and water discharges. Before we can introduce revised standard rules for a particular activity, we must consult on our proposed revision. This is the eighth such consultation.

We shall be launching the consultation on 12 June 2012. It will run for 12 weeks, closing on 4 September 2012. All responses must be received by **4 September 2012.**

Full details of the consultation can be found on our website at https://consult.environment-agency.gov.uk/portal/ho/ep/src/rules8

We will be consulting on the following changes to standard rules and generic risk assessments:

1. SR2010No2 - discharge to surface water: cooling water and heat exchangers.
2. SR2010No3 – discharge to surface water: secondary treated domestic sewage with a max daily volume between 5 and 20 cubic metres per day.

How to respond
We would prefer you to respond online. This provides a structured way for you to submit your responses and will help us to gather and summarise responses quickly and accurately.

Alternatively, for a hard copy of the response form, you can contact our National Customer Contact Centre either by email NCCCKB@environment-agency.gov.uk or on 03708 506 506 (Mon-Fri, 8am - 6pm) or email enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

Please post any hard copy responses to:
Helen Stephens,
Environment Agency,
Horizon House,
Deanery Road,
Bristol BS1 5AH

What happens next?

1. We will publish our full response to the consultation in November 2012.
2. We shall consider all responses we receive and use them to help us develop the revised standard rules and risk assessments.
3. The revised standard rules will be published by 1 April 2013.

Further enquiries should be directed to EPP@environment-agency.gov.uk or by telephone to 03708 506 506 (Mon-Fri, 8am - 6pm).

Yours sincerely

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