

Dear Sir/Madam

### **Standard Rules Consultation No 3 for the Environmental Permitting Regulations**

We are seeking your views on sixteen new or revised sets of rules for standard permits for waste operations.

#### **Background**

The Government consulted on changes to waste exemptions and this consultation ended in October 2008. The consultation suggested that a number of existing exemptions could be replaced with Standard Permits and some would need bespoke permits. To date the Government has not issued its response to the consultation comments and has not indicated whether it will move these exempt operations into permitting.

Our consultation on the standard rules does not commit the Government to any changes; it invites comments on the permits that we intend to apply in the event that the waste activities identified in this consultation are made subject to the permitting requirements of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

Please note that the provision of rule sets; SR2009No20, SR2009No21 SR2009No22 and the amendments to SR2008No21 is not dependent on the Government response to the Exemption Review consultation.

The sixteen rules sets are:

1. SR2009No9 Mobile plant for land-spreading
2. SR2009No10 Mobile plant for treatment of land for land reclamation, restoration or improvement.
3. SR2009No11 Mobile plant for land-spreading of sewage sludge
4. SR2009No12 Use of waste in construction (up to 50,000 tonnes of waste)
5. SR2009No13 Use of waste in construction (up to 100,000 tonnes of waste)
6. SR2009No14 Treatment of land for reclamation, restoration or improvement of land (up to 50,000 tonnes of waste)
7. SR2009No15 Treatment of land for reclamation, restoration or improvement of land (up to 100,000 tonnes of waste)
8. SR2009No16 Mobile plant for the treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes, road-stone and aggregate
9. SR2009No17 Treatment of waste to produce soil, soil substitutes, road-stone and aggregate
10. SR2009No18 Use of waste to manufacture timber or construction products
11. SR2009No19 Composting biodegradable waste

12. SR2009No20 Anaerobic digestion facility including use of the resultant biogas
13. SR2009No21 On-farm anaerobic digestion facility including use of the resultant biogas
14. SR2009No22 Storage of digestate from anaerobic digestion plants
15. SR2009no23 Storage and treatment of dredgings for recovery
16. SR2008 No21 Scrap Metal (amendment of existing standard rules)

### **Responding to the consultation**

We would like your responses to a set of questions in Section 6 of the accompanying document. Responses to this consultation should be received no later than 28th August 2009.

Details of the ways that you can return your comments are detailed in Section 7 of the Consultation document and on our web pages.

If you have any questions please contact our National Customer Contact Centre on 08708 506 506 or email [SRC3@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:SRC3@environment-agency.gov.uk)

### **Consultation feedback**

We will publish a report summarising submissions made under this consultation and our responses. If you want your name, organisation or contact details kept confidential then you need to tell us.

### **Other comments**

This consultation is concerned only with *Standard Rules Consultation No3 - Standard Rules for the Environmental Permitting Regulations*. If you have any queries or comments in relation to other issues you would like to raise with us, please contact our National Customer Contact Centre on Tel: 08708 506 506 (Monday – Friday, 8am-6pm).

We will consult separately on our charges for standard permits.

Yours faithfully



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