

Working together: your role in our environmental permitting decision making

Consultation Response Form

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1. Is it clear from the document how and when you can get involved in the permitting decisions taken by the Environment Agency?

Comments:

The EA is to be congratulated for the easy to understand way that it has put this document together. However it is not clear that it relates only to businesses, and if this where to be on public display in council offices, could be confusing to the general public. Secondly the heading at 5.2 would be more meaningful if it were to say “Applications for New Permits and Variations to Existing Permits”.

2. Is it clear how and when you can get involved in the development of *standard rules* and the associated guidance?

Comments:

There is limited guidance on the process of issuing a ‘bespoke’ permit from start to finish, it is considered that a separate section would be of benefit to the document.

3. What other ways could we engage with anyone with an interest?

Comments:

The EA should already know who it’s customers are in respect of permitting. These companies could be updated and informed by either regular emails or a quarterly e-zine.

4. Are there any other organisations we should consult that are not listed on page 9?

Comments:

5. Notification and despatch of the consultation documents

a) How did you hear about the consultation?

- EA email Colleague
 EA website Other (specify)

b) How did you obtain a copy of the document(s)?

- EA email Colleague
 EA website Other (specify)

c) Did you have any difficulty in obtaining a copy of the document(s)?

Comments: No - really easy.

6. Scope and presentation of information in consultation document

	Very				Not very
a) Was it helpful to have the consultation document structured in this way? (Please highlight as appropriate.)	5	4	3	2	1

Comments: Yes - 5

b) Was the information in the documents presented in a clear way? (Please highlight as appropriate.)	5	4	3	2	1
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Comments: Yes - 4

Thank you for taking the time to complete this form. Please return to: Environmental Permitting Programme, Environment Agency, Rio House, 710 –715 Waterside Drive, Aztec West, Almondsbury, Bristol BS32 4UD or email epp@environment-agency.gov.uk

