



taflen wybodaeth

fact sheet

Proposed RWE npower Pembroke Power Station Environmental Permit Application

What is environmental permitting?

- We regulate some aspects of the environmental impact, or 'footprint', of some activities of industries in England and Wales through environmental permitting.
- Before such activities can take place, the operator must either obtain an environmental permit from us or, for some low risk waste activities, register with us.
- Environmental permits contain conditions that are designed to prevent or reduce pollution and harm to human health. An environmental permit enables us to set restrictions on, and require monitoring of, emissions to air, water and land. We can also place conditions on other things such as how an operator manages waste.
- We use two types of permits: **standard** and **bespoke** permits.
 - **Standard permits** have *standard rules* for a particular regulated activity to provide the necessary level of environmental protection. The rules may include restrictions on such things as size or location. They are available to view on our website. If a business finds a set that fits its operation it can apply for a standard permit. Standard permits are available for operations that generally have a potentially low environmental impact and therefore require simple controls.
 - **Bespoke permits** are for operations not covered by standard rules. These operations generally have a higher potential impact on the environment and require more complex controls than operations for which standard permits can be used. If we consider it appropriate we will design a bespoke permit for the proposed operation. If we grant a permit for RWE npower Pembroke Power Station it will be a bespoke permit.

Why we consult

- We have a legal obligation to consult under the Directive on Integrated Pollution Prevention and Control (IPPC) (See Glossary of terms). How this is achieved is set out in the Environment Agency's Public Participation document. The arrangements described in this statement will ensure that we meet these requirements where they apply.

- Consultation informs the public (and other interested bodies) so that they can make informed comments to the regulator, allowing the regulator to make better decisions.
- We must take into consideration any representations that consultees make during the consultation periods.
- We want to make the best decision when permitting. Listening to the views of others helps us to account for concerns that we would not otherwise know.
- We consult to allow interested individuals and organisations to participate in our decision making, on issues that might affect them or where they have particular expertise.
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When we will consult

- Our role is to make decisions based on the potential environmental or human health impacts of a particular industrial activity. We do this by considering the technical aspects of the activity, any emissions proposed and the local environment quality.
- We will consult widely on applications for bespoke permits but not on applications for standard permits.

Who we will consult

- Anyone can work with us on our permitting decisions in the way we have described above.
- If you have an interest in or are affected by a permitting decision then we would welcome your involvement.

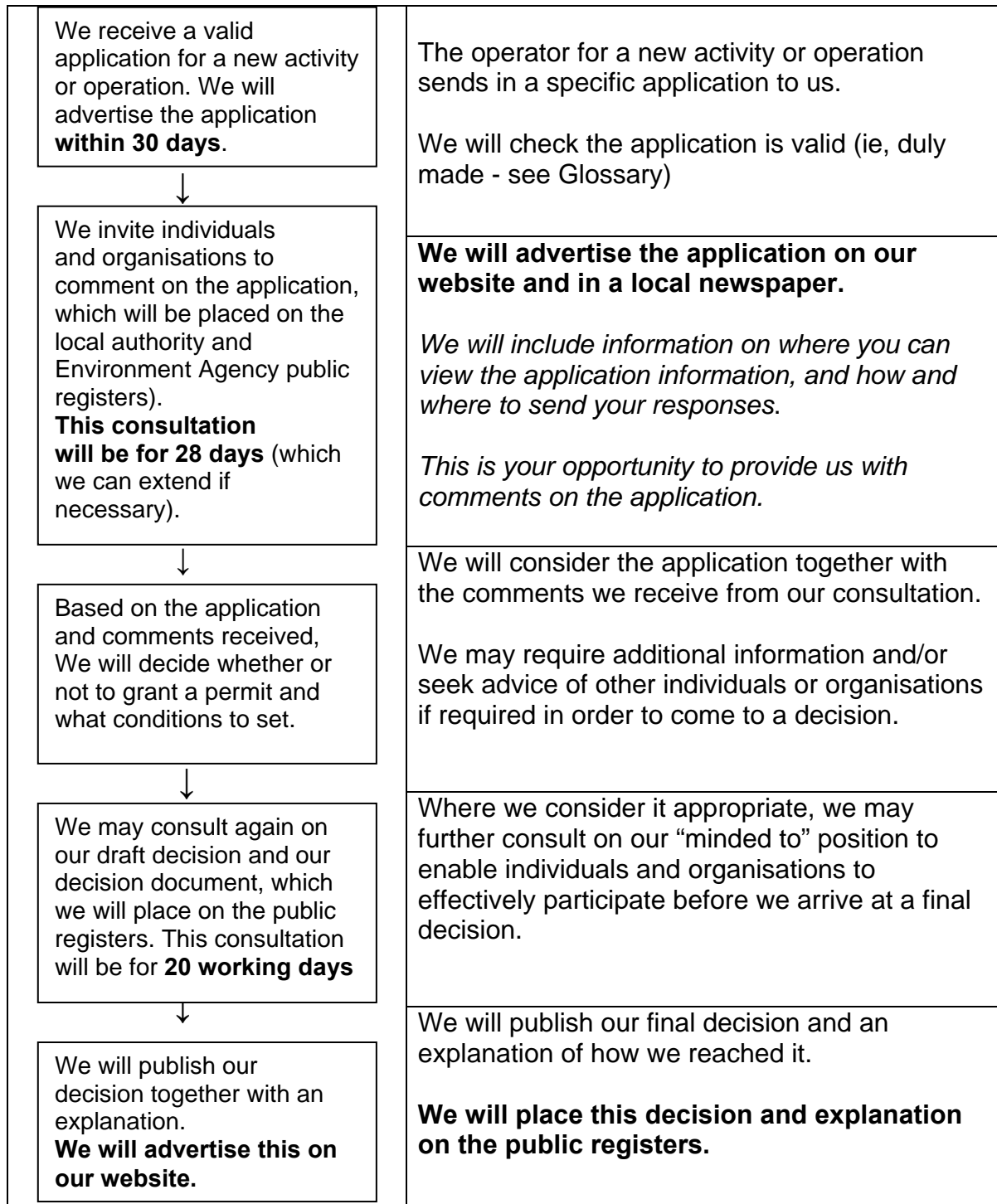
- You, or your organisation, may have a general interest in the development of this application. We would like to agree ways of working effectively with you, such as determining the best communication methods, areas of particular interest and how we can best help each other with the process.
- Some statutory organisations have an interest in particular aspects of environmental permitting. We have agreed ways of working together with them where we can. Such organisations include:
 - Countryside Council for Wales/Natural England;
 - LACORS (the Local Authorities Co-ordinators of Regulatory Services);
 - Local authorities (Planning and Environmental Protection departments);
 - Health and Safety Executive;
 - Dwr Cymru Welsh Water/ Water UK
 - National Public Health Service for Wales/the Health Protection Agency;
 - Food Standards Agency.

Advertisements

When we undertake an advertisement for a new installation, we will include the following details in the advert:

- the applicant's details;
- the address of the installation;
- the main activities proposed;
- where and when information relating to the application can be viewed;
- the date by which comments should be made;
- the address (postal and e-mail) to which any comments should be sent;
- Information required by the IPPC Directive, for relevant installations.

Process for new applications for Bespoke Permits



Glossary of terms

Bespoke permit A permit drafted specifically for a particular operation on a particular site.

Standard permit A permit where the only condition is one requiring standard rules to be treated as permit conditions.

Standard Rules A set of rules applicable to a particular type of operation which need to be complied with.

Duly Made An application is duly made if it is complete and can be determined.

Public Register We maintain Public Registers in each region of England and Wales. These Registers hold information relating to the permits issued under the Regulations. These records are available for public viewing during normal office hours.

IPPC Directive Directive 96/61/EC concerning integrated pollution prevention and control. This European Directive is binding upon all Member States and sets out how industrial activities should be regulated so as to achieve a high level of protection for the environment.

Public Participation Directive There are Public Participation [PP] requirements in the Environmental Permitting Regulations. The regulations require public participation on new applications but not Standard Rules Permits

Environmental Permitting Regulations The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2007.

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