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Dear Consultee,

Consultation on UK Best Available Techniques for preventing or minimising impacts on the environment from industry

I am writing to invite views on proposed UK Best Available Techniques (BAT) conclusions for preventing or minimising environmental impacts from industrial activities. This consultation covers the following sectors: ferrous metals processing (forming), ferrous metals processing (galvanizing), textiles and common waste gas management and treatment systems in the chemical sector.

This government's central mission is to deliver sustained economic growth. Streamlined and effective regulation of industrial emissions is essential to achieving this while ensuring a high level of environmental protection. Updated BAT conclusions support operators to use proven, up-to-date techniques to reduce emissions, improve efficiency and increase productivity. Clear and proportionate standards also provide a straightforward framework for compliance, giving businesses the confidence to invest in cleaner technologies, innovation and long-term growth.

The proposed BAT conclusions have been developed through Technical Working Groups bringing together expertise from relevant sectors. The groups reached consensus on their recommendations, and the government is now seeking views from stakeholders to ensure the final conclusions are robust, practical and reflect real-world operating experience.

This is a joint consultation of the UK Government, the Scottish Government, the Welsh Government and the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs in Northern Ireland.

The following documents may be found on GOV.UK:

- Consultation on UK Best Available Techniques for preventing or minimising impacts on the environment from industry
- Consultation letter

- Privacy notice

We welcome your views and comments on the proposals. If you wish to obtain a copy of this consultation. Please contact Control.Pollution@defra.gov.uk.

Responses

To submit your consultation response please complete the consultation questionnaire provided through Citizen Space (Citizen Space is an online consultation tool).

If you require a copy of the consultation, please contact us at Control.Pollution@defra.gov.uk

Responses should be received by **14th May**.

This consultation is being conducted in line with the Cabinet Office consultation principles.

Representative groups are asked to give a summary of the people and organisations they represent and where relevant who else they have consulted in reaching their conclusions when they respond.

Information provided in response to this consultation, including personal data, may be published or disclosed in accordance with the access to information legislation. We respect your personal privacy when responding to access to information requests. We only share information when necessary to meet the statutory requirements of the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 and the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

Using and sharing your information

How we use your personal data is set out in the consultation and call for evidence exercise privacy notice which can be found [here](#).

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please email consultation.coordinator@defra.gov.uk

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact us as above.

Yours sincerely

Industrial Emissions Team

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