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Consultation on the Large Combustion Plants (Transitional National Plan) Regulations 2015

Dear consultee,

I am writing to seek your views on the Large Combustion Plants (Transitional National Plans) Regulations 2015. These are the regulations which will provide the legal basis for the implementation and regulation of the UK's transitional national plan (TNP) under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED). I am also seeking your views on the impact assessment which we have conducted to determine the impacts of the implementation of the UK TNP.

Under Article 32 of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) the TNP provides certain large combustion plants (LCPs) an additional four and a half years in which to make the necessary investments in emissions abatement technology to achieve compliance with the stringent IED emission limits for three key pollutants (nitrogen oxides, sulphur dioxide, and dust).

Implementing the UK TNP will achieve a reduction in emissions of air pollutants and the associated environmental and human health benefits in a cost-beneficial manner without imposing an unreasonable burden on industry. The 116 plants included in the plan are important to the UK in terms of both economic productivity and energy security. They represent approximately 50% of the UK's electricity generating capacity, and include LCPs which power major industrial sites.

The regulations establish the duties and powers of the Secretary of State for the Environment, the Environment Agency, the other relevant UK regulatory agencies (the Scottish Environment Protection Agency, Natural Resources Wales, and the Department of the Environment Northern Ireland), and the operators of plants participating in the TNP.

A full impact assessment of the costs and benefits of implementing the UK TNP has been undertaken. The impact assessment shows that the TNP will have a net benefit to the UK economy of £5,572.2million over the course of the plan.

The consultation questions are focused on whether the approach taken in the regulations is practical and workable, as well as canvassing interested parties for thoughts on the methodology used in the impact assessment.

Consultation Criteria

This consultation is in line with the Consultations Principles found at:

<http://www.cabinetoffice.gov.uk/resource-library/consultation-principles-guidance>

Responses

You can respond in one of three ways:

1. Online, by completing a questionnaire at: <https://consult.defra.gov.uk/industrial-pollution-control/transitional-national-plan-consultation>

2. Email, by sending comments to: Control.Pollution@defra.gsi.gov.uk

3. Post, by sending comments to:
Industrial Pollution Team, Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, Area 2C,
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Our preferred method is online because it is the fastest and most cost-effective way for us to collate and analyse responses.

Please note that, unless you specifically request for it to be treated confidentially, your response may be made publically available.

The closing date for the consultation is 26 October 2015 (6 weeks).

Yours sincerely



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