

Environmental Permit Guidance

What facilities are regulated?

Regulated facilities include:

- Waste operations
- Waste mobile plant
- Mining waste operations
- Installations

Do I need planning permission for waste operations?

Yes. A licence will not be granted unless any required planning permission has first been granted.

Are the public informed of an application for a permit?

Yes. The Environmental Protection Team may inform the public of the application and will consider any objections and representations.

What conditions are put on the permit?

The Environmental Protection team issues a permit containing conditions relating to site management, emission limit values and other pollution control techniques. These are based on guidance issued by the Department of the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) ([opens in a new window](#)), and represent the best available technique for controlling pollution for each type of process.

Will I be regularly inspected?

Each activity is regularly inspected to ensure compliance with the permit conditions and visits are made to investigate complaints from members of the public. When a permit condition breach is discovered, the team may choose to take informal action using; enforcement or suspension notices, formal cautions or to take legal proceedings.

What if I don't have a permit?

If you continue to operate a process without a permit you may be prosecuted with a fine of up to £50,000.

Complaints and Appeals

An applicant who is refused an environmental permit may appeal to the appropriate authority. In England the appropriate authority is the Secretary of State and in Wales are the Welsh Ministers. Appeals must be lodged no later than six months from the date of the decision.

If an application to vary, transfer or surrender an environmental permit has been refused or if the applicant objects to conditions imposed on the environmental permit they may appeal to the appropriate authority.

Appeals must be lodged in relation to a regulator initiated variation, a suspension notice or an enforcement notice, not later than two months from the date of the variation or notice and in any other case not later than six months from the date of the decision.

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