

**Please read these guidance notes carefully before you fill in the forms. All relevant guidance documents can be found on our website. This guidance will help you complete part B1 of the application form pack.**

Where you see the term 'document reference' on the form, give the document references and send the documents with the application form when you've completed it. If you submit documents that are not required, please note that they are not assessed.

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## 1 About the permit

### 1a Discussions before your application

If you have had discussions with us before your application was submitted tell us the case reference or give details on a separate sheet and tell us the reference you have given the document. We will then be able to refer back to the information you've already given us, which will help us to determine your application.

Further guidance on pre-application discussion is available by calling us on 0300 065 3000 or email [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk).

### 1b Is the permit for a site or for a mobile plant?

Tell us if you are applying for a permit for a site or for mobile plant. Then follow the directions to the next question you must fill in.

If you are applying for a permit for a mobile plant, please discuss it with us before filling in this form.

Note mobile plant does not include mobile sheep dips.

You should also look on our website for further guidance and the deployment form that you need to fill in each time the mobile plant is deployed for use.

## 2 About the site and activity/ activities

### 2a What is the site name, address, postcode and national grid reference?

The 'site' means all the land the facility occupies. If your application is for a new medium combustion plant and/or specified generator the 'site' is the address at which the plant is located. This section does not apply to a mobile plant. Give the site name and address.

#### Grid reference

Provide the 12 character Ordnance Survey national grid reference for the centre of the site; for example, ST 12345 67890.

To find out the 12 digit grid reference you can search on the UK Grid Reference Finder website:  
<http://www.gridreferencefinder.com/>

## 2c What is the regulated facility type for the site (if only one)?

If your application is for only one activity then you only need to fill in this section. Tell us what type of regulated facility it is.

### Definitions

The following section is intended to give helpful explanations of some of the important terms used in the Environmental Permitting Regulations. You may also need to read Regulatory Guidance Note 2 which can be found on our guidance webpages. For the full statutory definitions you will always need to return to the Regulations.

If you operate a 'regulated facility' you must have a permit. 'Regulated facility' is defined in the Regulations to include various classes of activity and facility. This means that there are a number of different types of activity and facility covered by the term. Using the term 'regulated facility' in the Regulations allows a shorthand way of applying requirements to all the categories of operation that need a permit.

The types of activity and facility that this guidance applies to are:

- an installation
- a mobile plant
- a waste operation
- mining waste operation;
- water discharge activity
- groundwater activity
- Medium Combustion Plant (that does not meet the Schedule 25B EPR definition of 'specified generator')
- Medium Combustion Plant/Specified Generator (this is a medium combustion plant that meets the Schedule 25B EPR definition of 'specified generator')
- Specified Generator (that does not meet the Schedule 25A EPR definition of 'medium combustion plant')

There are other 'regulated facilities' which are not covered by this guidance.

If an operation is defined as 'exempt' or 'excluded' by the Regulations then a permit is not required however other notification or registration requirements may be applicable. Please check the Regulations and seek advice if you consider that this may be applicable in your case.

'Waste operation' is defined as meaning 'recovery or disposal of waste.' Each 'recovery' ("R") or 'disposal' ("D") operation has an R or D number. Each is a waste operation and each is a regulated facility. The term 'waste operation' includes waste operations carried on within an 'installation'.

Tier 2 charged bespoke activity is:

- a waste facility that is not a 'fixed condition licence' or a 'standard facility'. For example: an activity that meets most of the criteria of standard rules but the location requires extra assessment. See charging guidance for more details.
- Medium Combustion Plant or Specified Generators that are not standard facilities. For example: Although it may meet most of the criteria of standard rules, the location, the size or type of plant, the fuel type or operating hours mean it requires further assessment.

Relevant waste operation covers all ex WML operations plus those waste operations carried out as or within installations that used to be categorised as Specified Waste Management Activities under PPC. This is mainly those in Sections 5.2 to 5.4 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations. It does not include Section 5.1 incinerators or ancillary waste operations such as the use of waste fuel. The only occasion on which this term is used in the Regulations is in the application of the prior planning requirement. It is also used in the Government Core Guidance on environmental permitting, for the application of policy on approved technical competence schemes.

Installation is a combination of related Schedule 1 activities and directly associated activities (DAAs) carried out on one site and the term includes part of an installation.

Activity is an activity listed in Part 2 of Schedule 1.

Directly associated activity is a non-Schedule 1 activity that is directly associated with a Schedule 1 Activity.

Standard facility is a regulated facility described in standard rules published under regulation 26(5).

Standard rules become conditions of a permit for a type of standard facility when the operator of such a facility requests this under regulation 27(2).

Mobile plant is the generic term applying to a mobile plant which is used to carry on either a Part B activity, a waste operation or a Medium Combustion Plant (EPR Schedule 25a) and/or Specified Generator (EPR Schedule 25b) In practice, the definition applies quite differently to the different types of plant.

Waste mobile plant is the sub set of mobile plant that are used to carry out waste operations.

Mining waste operation is the management of extractive waste, excluding the activities in Part 2(2)(c) of the Mining Waste Directive.

Mining waste facility is a type of mining waste operation defined in the Mining Waste Directive.

Standalone water discharge or groundwater activity is a water discharge or groundwater activity which is not carried on as part of the operation of any other regulated facility (e.g. it is not part of an installation, waste operation or mining waste operation). Generally, these activities will have been the subject of a water discharge consent or groundwater authorisation (now called an environmental permit). However, some water discharges subject to a water discharge consent may in fact be 'carried on as part of the operation of a waste operation' and these will not be standalone water discharge activities.

Other water discharges subject to a water discharge consent may in fact be 'carried on as part of a mining waste operation' and these will also not be stand-alone water discharge activities.

'Medium Combustion Plant' is defined in Schedule 25A of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2018 ('EPR') and includes combustion plant with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 megawatt but less than 50 megawatts. For the purposes of assessing the thermal input, where there is more than one combustion plant the thermal inputs should be aggregated together and treated as one.

'Generator' is defined in Schedule 25B EPR and includes any combustion plant which is used for the purpose of generating electricity and in specified circumstances can include mobile generators. 'Specified Generator' is defined in Schedule 25B EPR and includes:

- a generator or combination of generators (other than an excluded generator) with a rated thermal input equal to or greater than 1 megawatt and less than 50 megawatts,
- or in the case of a generator used to meet a capacity agreement or an agreement to provide balancing services, less than 50 megawatts thermal. Note that there is no lower threshold for this type of specified generator meaning that if its net rated thermal input is less than 1 megawatt it will fall outside of the definition of 'medium combustion plant'.
- or if they form part of a specified generator which has a total aggregated rated thermal input of more than or equal to 1 megawatt and less than 50 megawatts, even if one or more of the generators has a rated thermal input of less than 1 megawatt.

Note that specified generators with a rated thermal input of equal to or greater than 1 megawatt but less than 50 megawatts fall within the definition of 'medium combustion plant' and so are subject to the requirements of schedules 25A and 25B EPR.

## **Grid reference**

For all standard permit applications, except Water Discharge Activities, provide the 12 character Ordnance Survey national grid reference for the centre of the site, for example, AB 12340 56780.

For water discharge activity standard permits only, provide the 12 character Ordnance Survey national grid reference where the effluent discharges from the outlet to the receiving surface water.

## **2d If you are applying for more than one regulated facility on your site, what are their types and their grid references?**

There is space here for two facilities if you have more use a separate sheet and send it to us with your application form. Tell us the reference you have given the document.

## **2e Low impact installations**

This applies to lower risk Schedule 1 activities only. If you answer 'no' go straight to question 2e on this application form.

You can read the low impact installation guidance in appendix 1 to see if any of your installations fit the conditions. If they do, tick 'yes' and tell us how you meet the conditions in a separate document, giving the document reference in this section.

You must also complete the low impact installation checklist in appendix 1. Tick the box to confirm that it has been filled in.

### **3 About this application**

#### **3a Standard facilities**

We have produced sets of standard rules and have made an assessment of the risk from each of them, which can be downloaded from our guidance webpages. You can apply to have a standard permit that has one or more of these standard rules.

You should first look at the rules and generic risk assessment to make sure that your proposals can meet the rules and fit within the assessment. Standard facilities do not require any additional assessment of risk.

Select the rule set or sets you want to apply for. Once the permit is issued the rules cannot be appealed since applying for a permit subject to the rules is voluntary.

#### **3b Mining waste operation**

If you are applying for a standard permit for a mining waste operation you also need to complete the waste management plan checklist in appendix 2.

#### **3d Deposit for recovery purposes**

You must provide us with a copy of your waste recovery plan that complies with the guidance on waste recovery plans and permits, highlighting any changes made since pre-application discussions and tell us the reference number you have given the document. You can get the guidance by calling 0300 065 3000 or by downloading them from our guidance webpages.

Before applying for a permit to deposit waste on land you should refer to the guidance on waste recovery plans and permits which will help you decide whether the proposed activity is recovery or disposal. You should prepare your case and then present it to us before you submit your permit application. We will endeavour to advise you whether we think your proposal is recovery or disposal within 25 working days from the date we receive the information. We will contact you if the decision is likely to take significantly longer, and advise you when a response will be provided.

When you are aware of the decision, you will be able to apply for the appropriate permit. We will check your application against any pre-application advice that we gave you. We may refuse the application if we disagree with the application made. You will have a statutory right of appeal of this decision to the Planning Inspectorate. It is very much in your interests to agree with us first that your proposal is waste recovery before applying for a recovery permit.

Further guidance on deposit for recovery can be downloaded from our guidance webpages.

#### **3e SR 2010Nos 2 or 3 Discharges to surface water**

Give a date when you want the permit for this effluent to start.

You cannot discharge your effluent prior to the start date on your permit. Charges will start on this date. We recommend that you do not apply more than 12 weeks ahead of when the permit is needed unless you accept payment of these charges before the discharge date.

Your proposed activity must be able to meet the standard rules and risk criteria that you are applying for. We recommend that you contact us before submitting your application to check that you can meet the nature conservation risk criteria. You can do this by emailing us at: [enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:enquiries@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk) / [ymholiadau@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk](mailto:ymholiadau@cyfoethnaturiolcymru.gov.uk).

Please include:

- contact name
- number
- contact email
- site address

- six-figure grid reference for site of discharge
- name of standard rules permit.

If you are applying for Standard rules SR2010 No 3 you must use 'Flows and Loads 3 – Sizing Criteria, Treatment Capacity for Small Wastewater Treatment Systems (Package Plants)' published by British Water (ISBN: 978-1-903481-10-3) to calculate their maximum daily discharge volume.

### 3g SR2018 No7 New, low risk, stationary medium combustion plant between 1 and <20MWth (in operation after 20/12/2018)

3g1 If you're applying for a standard facility for a new medium combustion plant you will need to complete the checklist in Appendix 3 for each medium combustion plant.

3h SR2018 No 1 to 6 and No 8 Specified Generators, Tranche B

3h1 If you're applying for a Tranche B Specified Generator that is a new medium combustion plant you will need to complete the checklist in Appendix 3 for each medium combustion plant.

If you're applying for a Tranche B Specified Generator that is an existing medium combustion plant you do not need to provide the information in Appendix 3 until either 2024 or 2029 depending on the size of the plant.

If you have more than 15 medium combustion plants or specified generators on this application, please contact us for further information.

## 4 Supporting information (not for mobile plant applications)

### 4a Provide a plan or plans for the site

You must send us a site plan that identifies all of the land on which your activities or waste operations, or mining waste operations, including mining waste facilities (both or all), will take place. The site plan should provide a date and a reference and must be drawn accurately to a defined scale. The outline of the site must be clearly marked in green. It will be helpful if local features are shown on the plan to help us place the site in its local environment.

Please note that if you are applying for a permit for a site based standard facility, there will be specific restrictions within the standard rules on where the permitted activities can be carried out, such as proximity to nature conservation sites or residential properties and workplaces.

The site plan should **provide a date and a reference** and must be **drawn accurately to a defined scale**.

The outline of the site must be clearly marked **in green**. It will be helpful if local features are shown on the plan to help us place the site in its local environment.

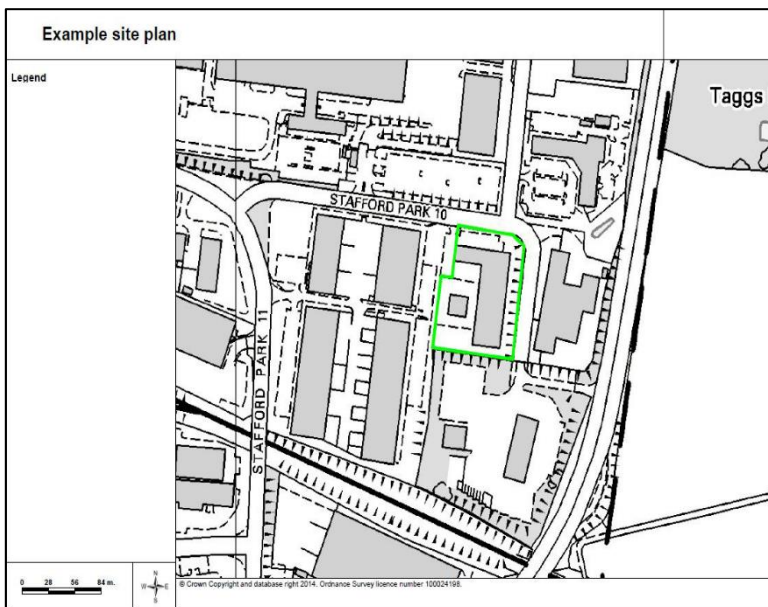
We will treat the site boundary as the boundary of the activities unless there is a defined area within this on the site plan which clearly shows where the permitted activities are to take place. This may be important to you if your proposed activities only occupy a small portion of a larger site.

For water discharge activity standard permits your site plan must **show the facility and the outlet location where the effluent is discharged** to the receiving water. For a package sewage treatment plant the site plan must show the **extent of the treatment plant, the outfall pipe and the discharge location**, not the properties served by the plant. The outline of the plan must be clearly marked **in green**. For medium combustion plant and specified generator activities your plan must show the site and the location of all individual plant. All plant must be labelled with a specific identifier.

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If you are sending us a paper copy of your site plan it must be either A3 or A4 size. Alternatively you can send us an electronic copy on CD. For an example of a suitable plan see above.

### Copyright issue



Please note that some plans and maps will have copyright issues. Unless you are using your own maps or plans or have paid for the copyright (for example with Ordnance Survey) you may not have the right to reproduce the map or plan.

#### **4b Provide the relevant sections of a site condition report if this applies**

For installations standard rules permits you must provide us with a site condition report.

#### **4c Standard permits for IED installations**

If you are applying for a standard permit for an IED installation (SR2012 Nos 4, 8, 9, 11 and 13), tick the box to confirm that you have sent in a baseline report.

Site protection must be addressed throughout the life of an environmental permit, so if contamination is caused it must be dealt with quickly and effectively.

To surrender the permit you will need to be able to show that the site has been returned to a satisfactory state. In order to achieve this you will produce a Site Condition Record (SCR), which describes the condition of the site. It should identify any substance in, on or under the land that may constitute a pollution risk. The first part of this will be created at the permit application stage and it will then be updated and added to throughout the life of the permit. The SCR would then be completed and submitted in support of an application to surrender.

You must provide us with a Site Condition Report with sections 1 to 3 completed with your application. You must also send us a detailed site plan (or plans) showing:

- site location, the area covered by the site condition record, and the location and nature of the activities and/or waste facilities on the site;
- locations of receptors, sources of emissions/releases, and monitoring points;
- site drainage; and
- site surfacing.

The Site Condition Report guidance and template can be downloaded from our guidance webpages or you can get them by calling 0300 065 3000.

For waste standard rules permits, including those stemming from complex exemptions and conversions of pre-1994 waste management licences, it is recommended that you produce a site report, i.e. a desktop assessment as the first part of the SCR, after the permit is issued.

### **5 Your ability as an operator**

When determining your application we must consider whether you will be a competent operator. We look at your technical ability and whether you have been convicted of a relevant offence. A relevant offence is one relating to the environment or environmental regulation. We also check to see if you have been declared bankrupt or insolvent and can check your financial standing by way of a credit check. We also check that you have a management system.

#### **5a Relevant offences (installations, waste operations, medium combustion plant and specified generators only)**

##### **Relevant people**

You must tell us if a relevant person has been convicted of a relevant offence. A relevant person is you, or anyone connected to the permit holder.

Look at the [guidance on relevant convictions for waste operations](#) on the Gov.UK website for more information on who is a 'relevant person'. You can find this at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relevant-conviction-guidance-for-permit-applications-for-waste-activities-and-installations-only>. For more information on 'relevant people', you should also refer to [Defra Core Guidance on Environmental Permitting](#). You can find this at:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-guidance-core-guidance--2>

##### **Relevant offences**

You must tell us if any of the relevant people or the company itself in your application have been convicted of a relevant offence.

Look at the [guidance on relevant convictions for waste operations](#) on the Gov.UK website for the list of 'relevant offences'. You can find this at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/relevant-conviction-guidance-for-permit-applications-for-waste-activities-and-installations-only>. For more information on 'relevant

offences', you should also refer to [Defra Core Guidance on Environmental Permitting](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-guidance-core-guidance--2). You can find this at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environmental-permitting-guidance-core-guidance--2>

If any of the relevant people in your application have been convicted of an offence you must provide details of the offence. We may need to ask you for extra information about the offence that you feel we should take into account.

Copies of the relevant offences guidance note can be downloaded from our guidance webpages or you can get them by calling 0300 065 3000.

### **5b Technical ability (relevant waste operations only)**

We need to be satisfied that you will have sufficient technical ability to operate your facility. Your management system should include information about how you will assess, develop and maintain technical ability.

You must have appropriate technical management in place before we can issue your permit. You need to give us details of each person who will provide technical management at your facility.

Unless you are applying to operate a 'relevant waste operation' you will not be required to provide evidence that you have a 'relevant qualification' from one of the waste industry based schemes. Note: SRP 2009 No4 Combustion of biogas in engines at a sewage treatment works is not a relevant waste operation.

For relevant waste operations, they must have a relevant qualification from one of the following industry schemes:

- Chartered Institute of Wastes Management/Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (CIWM/WAMITAB) scheme; or
- Environmental Services Association/Energy and Utility Skills (ESA/EU skills) scheme.

Contact the industry schemes for more information.

For the CIWM/WAMITAB scheme, email either [education@ciwm.co.uk](mailto:education@ciwm.co.uk) or [info.admin@wamitab.org.uk](mailto:info.admin@wamitab.org.uk).

For the ESA/EU skills scheme, email [enquiries@euskills.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@euskills.co.uk).

Alternatively you can give us details of any relevant people who already hold a COTC issued by WAMITAB if it is relevant to your waste operation.

You must send us evidence of these qualifications. If you do not have a relevant qualification you may be able to gain this while your application is being processed.

Guidance about operator competence (Regulatory Guidance Series EPR 5) can be downloaded from our guidance webpages or you can get them by calling 0300 065 3000.

### **5c Finances (installations, waste operations, mining waste operations, medium combustion plants and specified generators only)**

You will need to provide details of any insolvency or bankruptcy proceedings against the applicant or any relevant person.

We may also want to contact a credit reference agency to verify your financial standing. You are giving your consent to this check by completing and submitting the application form.

### **5d Management systems (all)**

You must have an effective, written management system in place by the time the permit is issued that identifies and reduces the risk of pollution. You may show this by using a certified scheme or your own system.

Your permit requires you (as the operator) to ensure that you manage and operate your activities in accordance with a written management system.

Please note that we expect that your management system will be in place by the time of the permit issue as it will be part of the first inspection of your site.

You can find guidance on management systems in both 'How to Comply' and 'Horizontal guidance Note 6 Environmental management systems'. We have also developed environmental management toolkits for some business sectors which you can use to produce your own management system. You can get these by calling 0300 065 3000 or by downloading them from our guidance webpages.

## **Appendix 1 – Low impact installation checklist**

If you completed question 2e, low impact installations, you must also complete this checklist.

## Guidance for applicants on low impact installations

The Industrial Emissions Directive (IED) requires us to permit all installations regardless of their potential for environmental harm.

Consequently we have developed the Low Impact Installation (LII) permit. If the criteria for LII are met, then a simpler permitting approach is adopted but all other aspects of the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) still apply. LII sites are expected to require minimal regulatory effort by our staff.

Such reduction in regulatory effort can be reflected in lower application and subsistence charges for operators. The criteria for qualification as low impact remain deliberately demanding, as they are not designed to circumvent the purposes of the IED Directive or the EP Regulations that implement them.

Apart from pet cemeteries and the simple storage of waste (e.g. lockable asbestos skips), we do not consider the following waste activities under Schedule 1 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations to be eligible for the low impact approach:

- Section 5.1 – Incineration and co-incineration of waste;
- Section 5.2 – Disposal of waste by landfill;
- Section 5.3 – Disposal of waste other than by incineration or landfill;
- Section 5.4 – Recovery of waste.

### Requirements on the operator

If you are able to comply with this guidance you may pay the lower fees, as set out in our charges scheme, but you must first demonstrate to us that your installation can have only a low impact on the environment through your application for a permit. We will check that the application is duly made and meets the criteria set out in this guidance. If we do not agree that the installation meets these criteria, we will not proceed to determine the application. Your application will be returned and you will be advised to submit a full application for a bespoke permit.

An application for a permit must address all of the matters set out in the guidance on applications for an environmental permit, in sufficient detail to allow us to determine it, even if you believe that you are likely to satisfy the LII criteria. You must show through your application that your installation meets each of the conditions set out below. The application might not have to be as detailed as that required for installations that do not meet these criteria. However, it will still need to be made in the proper manner, advertised and entered on the Public Register in the usual way. In coming to our view, we will consider any comments that we receive about the application as part of the consultation process.

The permit that we issue to an operator of a LII will contain conditions that meet the requirements of the Environmental Permitting Regulations. The permit will also aim to ensure that an installation is operated in such a way that all appropriate measures are taken to avoid pollution, in particular through the application of best available techniques (BAT), and achieving a high level of protection of the environment as a whole. The operator will be required to report each year that the installation is still running as set out in the application and certify that actual releases remain below the levels set out in this guidance.

### Determination of low impact installations

We will determine what constitutes a low impact installation according to the principles set out below. You must demonstrate to our satisfaction that such is the nature of the installation, there is no reasonable likelihood that you will fail to meet any of these conditions.

**Management techniques:** All of the criteria described below must be met without having to rely on significant management effort.

In other words, the installation intrinsically must have only a low environmental impact, including under start up, shut down, or abnormal operating conditions.

**Aqueous waste:** The installation must not release more than 50 m<sup>3</sup> per day of water from process activities conducted at the installation giving rise to effluent. No account need be taken of the volume of water exported from the installation as product.

Characterise and quantify any aqueous effluents released from the installation on a daily basis and provide justification that the installation releases no more than 50 m<sup>3</sup> per day of water from process activities.

**Abatement systems/releases to air:** The installation must comply with the criteria in this guidance without having to rely on active abatement for releases to the environment outside of any buildings. Releases must not be dependent on continuing or correct operation of equipment, where failure of active pollution prevention systems could result in an unacceptable external release. For example, if the installation depends on active abatement in the form of scrubbers, filters or electrostatic precipitators to achieve the releases to the environment set out in this guidance, it is unlikely that it can be treated as having only a low potential for



impact. However, abatement systems installed solely for the protection of workers (where abatement is not to attenuate external environmental releases) need not be included in this assessment.

Groundwater regulations: There must be no planned or fugitive emission from the permitted installation into the ground, or any soakaway. This does not preclude the discharge of clean rain water run-off into soakaways. Pet cemeteries may be exempt from this criterion provided certain specified conditions are met:

- the landfill is not within a Groundwater Source Protection Zone 1 or 2;
- there is a minimum of one metre unsaturated zone between the bottom of the buried carcass or cremated remains and the groundwater table;
- there is a minimum of one metre of soil between the carcass and the surface; and
- burial density shall not exceed 20 kg of carcass or cremated remains per m<sup>2</sup>.

Pet cemeteries fall within the Directive definition of 'landfill' and are landfills for non-hazardous waste. This interpretation has been confirmed by Defra. Where pet crematoria dispose of their ash on site, that activity will also constitute a landfill for non-hazardous waste.

Waste production: The installation must not give rise to more than one tonne of Directive waste or 10 kg of hazardous waste per day, averaged over a year, with not more than 20 tonnes of Directive waste or 200 kg of hazardous waste being released in any one day. For the purpose of this application, no information is required on the proposed recovery and disposal of waste streams arising from the installation.

Energy consumption: The installation must not consume energy at a rate greater than 3 MW or, if the installation uses a combined heat and power installation to supply any internal process heat, 10 MW. These limits apply to the sum of energy imported as electricity and produced on site through the combustion of fuels.

Accident prevention: You must have in place satisfactory containment measures to prevent fugitive emissions to surface water, sewer or land and ensure that these are adequately maintained at all times. This requirement applies to all substances present on site and in any quantity.

Noise: There must be only a low potential for causing offence due to noise. An installation will not be considered as a low impact installation if it may give rise to noise noticeable outside the installation boundary. This requires the exercise of judgement, taking account of any history of noise complaint arising from the installation and consideration of the likely off site noise levels and proximity of sensitive receptors. Describe the main sources of noise from the installation, the nearest noise sensitive locations and any relevant noise measurement surveys which have been undertaken; and the proposed techniques and measures for the control of noise. Provide justification that there is only a low potential for offence due to noise.

Emissions of polluting substances: Justify that there will be no likelihood of a release to the environment of any particular substance from the whole installation at a rate greater than that determined as insignificant as set out in our guidance note 'How to comply' and 'H1 Environmental Assessment'.

Describe the nature, quantities and sources of foreseeable emissions from the installation.

Odour: There must be only a low potential for giving offence due to odour. An installation will not be considered as a low impact installation if it may give rise to an offensive smell noticeable outside the installation boundary. This requires the exercise of judgement, taking account of any history of odour complaint from the installation and whether this class of activity is known by experience to give rise to smells. A significant possibility or actual history of excursions or fugitive emissions, for example, from stored materials, would suggest that the installation could not be treated as having a low impact. Provide details of potential sources of odour from the installation, for example from stored materials, and justify that there is only a low potential for offence due to odour.

Compliance history: If any of the following enforcement actions have taken place at the same installation under the same management (and where appropriate, have not been overturned on appeal), then it will not normally be considered further as a low impact installation:

- prosecution;\*
- formal caution;\*
- suspension notice;\*
- enforcement notice relating to an actual or potential environment incident.\*

\* (All under EPR or the equivalent under previous environmental regimes).

## **Appendix 2 – Waste management plan checklist for standard permit applications for mining waste operations**

Complete the checklist and refer to the technical guidance note for mining waste operations which can be downloaded from our guidance webpages.

## **Appendix 3 – Specific questions for Medium Combustion Plant and combined new MCP/Specified Generator**

You will need to complete the checklist in Appendix 3 for each new medium combustion plant that has a net rated thermal input of equal to or more than 1 megawatt but less than 50 megawatts.

If your application is for a specified generator that is also a new medium combustion plant that has a net rated thermal input of equal to or more than 1 megawatt but less than 50 megawatts, you will also need to complete appendix 3 for each new medium combustion plant.

Further guidance on medium combustion plant and specified generators can be found on our website.