

# LAPPC & LA-IPPC Quarterly Bulletin

## January – March 2007

### Our pollution control policy team general contact details and webpage

#### Our latest contact details:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/pubs/guidance/notes/aqnotes/pdf/aq20-06.pdf>

Please be aware that both Andy French and Imalka Oyewole have now left the team. We are pleased to welcome Rebecca Moy and Ken Darnell in their respective places.

**All documents mentioned in this bulletin are also available by clicking on the following web address:** [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc)

#### Previous editions of the Quarterly Bulletin are available at:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/pubs/newsletters/index.htm>

### A2 Sector guidance notes issued amended or consulted upon

None issued this quarter.

### Part B Process Guidance Notes issued, amended or consulted upon

None issued this quarter.



## Additional Guidance Notes Issued

All AQ notes listed below are available at this address:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/pubs/guidance/notes/aqnotes/index.htm>

AQ9 (07) European Pollutant Release Transfer Register (E-PRTR)

AQ8 (07) Review of waste management licensing exemptions

AQ7 (07) Networking for multi-site industries

AQ6 (07) Limited review of PGs 3/14, 3/15a, 3/15b and 3/1

AQ5 (07) Action plan responding to Second Atkins Performance Review of LAPPC and LAIPPC

AQ4 (07) Waste management licensing (WML) exemptions: interface with LAPPC and statutory nuisance

AQ3 (07) Derogations form the Solvent Emissions Directive

AQ2 (07) Sulphur content of liquid fuels

AQ1 (07) Fuel switching

## Other Publications or Consultations

### Statistical Survey

The 2006-7 questionnaire for the Statistical Survey was sent to local authorities on 27<sup>th</sup> March 2007 with a deadline for responses of the 14<sup>th</sup> May 2007.

Please confirm receipt of the survey with the consultants Hartley McMaster Ltd by emailing at this address: [ipc0607@hmcm.co.uk](mailto:ipc0607@hmcm.co.uk) (please note: the email address given on the notification letter included in error an extra “@” in the address) .

### “Atkins 2” Action Plan

Publication of the Action Plan resulting from the recommendations from the Atkins follow-up Performance review was published on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2007.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/pubs/guidance/notes/aqnotes/pdf/action-plan.pdf>

## **European Pollutant Release Transfer Register Regulation (E-PRTR)**

The E-PRTR replaced the European Pollutant Emission Register (EPER) as of 2007. As a result, the responsibility now falls directly to all A(2) (LA-IPPC) operators to collect relevant data for the 2007 calendar year, not local authorities. Defra/WAG will be launching a consultation on the precise mechanisms proposed for collecting the information in the next couple of months. Relevant local authority and industry representative organisations will be invited to comment.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/pubs/guidance/notes/aqnotes/pdf/aq9-07.pdf>

## **Improvement to the Defra PPC pages**

In January 2007 the PPC pages were amended so that they were more user-friendly, especially to external visitors to the website. We hope that you agree and would welcome any feedback from stakeholders.

## **PPC Regulations - update**

We published a consolidated but un-official version of the PPC Regulations because of the numbers of amendments issued and the lack of an official consolidation version being available <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/regs/pdf/ppcregs-consolidated.pdf> (March 2006).

Note: This document is for reference purposes only and should be regarded as an unofficial consolidated version of the PPC Regulations, which are up to date as of 12 March 2006.

## **Fees and Charges**

We published the new fees and charges scheme on 12<sup>th</sup> March 2007. Please refer to the notification letter for further explanation of the scheme changes. Available here: <http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/fees-risk/fees.htm>

## **Vehicle Refinishers**

As of January 1<sup>st</sup> a simpler permitting regime for most vehicle refinishers was introduced as a result of the implementation of the Paints Directive and the dis-applying of the requirements of the SED. Although now classed as a reduced fee activity (with no need to be risk assessed) please note that advertisements are still required.

## **Environmental Liability Directive**

Defra published a consultation on policy options for implementing the Environmental Liability Directive, which has to be transposed into national law by 30 April 2007 <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/env-liability/> (closed 16 February 2007).

## **Review of Exemptions from waste management licensing**

Defra published a discussion paper has been issued by Defra and the Welsh Assembly Government on reviewing the exemptions from waste management licensing. The paper can be found at [www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/management/exemptions/index.htm](http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/waste/management/exemptions/index.htm). The

deadline for comments is 8<sup>th</sup> June 2007. Defra and WAG are conscious of the links between this exercise and the proposals for an Environmental Permitting regime, and the potential read-across to the better regulation review of Part B processes.

### **Industry Forum and IPLC meetings**

The January 2007 meeting minutes for both IPLC and IF meetings held in Ashdown House, London are available here:

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/meetings/index.htm>

### **Consultation on proposed amendment to PPC regulations**

Consultation on the proposed amendment of the Pollution Prevention and Control (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (the PPC Regulations). This is to remove from the list of activities, installations and mobile plant to which the Regulations apply, some landfill gas engines of between 3 - 50MW (aggregated capacity), which are used to convert landfill gas produced by the biological degradation of waste in a landfill <http://www.defra.gov.uk/corporate/consult/ppc-amendregs3/index.htm> (Closed 12 January 2007).

### **BVPI report**

The Audit Commission published a report on local authority performance against the Best Value Performance Indicator 217 on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2006. Available here:

<http://www.audit-commission.gov.uk/performance/dataprovision.asp>

### **Rogers Review**

The Rogers Review of regulatory priorities has been published <http://www.rogersreview.org.uk/>. It lists “air quality (air quality, including regulation of pollution from factories and homes)” as one of five national priorities.

### **Local Government White Paper**

Local Government White Paper, following up the Department for Communities and Local Government’s *The future of local government – local vision*

<http://www.communities.gov.uk/index.asp?id=1137789>.

## **Forward Look**

Deadline for compliance with the IPPC Directive and the Solvent Emissions Directive is **31 October 2007**.

A new BVPI checklist for SG and PG notes will be published to coincide with the new financial year.

A new training course – Certificate in PPC – has now been accredited by the CIEH. This was mentioned in the fees and charges regulatory impact assessment for the 2007-8 fees and charges schemes plus in the IPLC meeting minutes. Potential providers are now being sought to carry out the training and at the same time Local Authorities should be looking to factor this course into their training plans for this year.

Part B Better Regulation Review – planned publication of second consultation on review findings in autumn 2007. Update in papers for January 2007 meetings of the Industry Forum and Industrial Pollution Liaison Committee.

<http://www.defra.gov.uk/environment/ppc/localauth/meetings/iplc/index.htm>

Target for consulting on revised *General Guidance Manual*, June 2007.

Defra is continuing to work with the Health and Safety Executive over the possibilities for local authority inspectors taking on health and safety inspections at dry cleaners and other Part B installations.

Two-year review of the SG Notes continues: SG6 - SG10 scheduled for 2007/8

Review of the NOx emission limits for glassworks (awaiting decisions re the glass BREF note).

2007/8 review of Part B and A2 charging schemes to take account of the Environmental Permitting Programme, including transitional costs

New Environmental Permitting regime due to be in force from 1 April 2008.

Intention to review whether risk-based approach can be extended to reduced fee activities such as petrol stations, dry cleaners and small waste oil burners and vehicle resprayers (see paragraph 3.17 of the second Environmental Permitting consultation paper)

Continuation of the successful programme of visiting Pollution Groups, now being undertaken mainly by the Local Authority Unit (contact the LAU if you would like your pollution group to be visited and it has not received a visit before – new visits from April 2007 onwards).

## **Miscellaneous**

### **Contacting the Local Authority Unit**

When telephoning the Local Authority Unit for technical assistance relating to the guidance notes please always ask to be put through to the 'Local Authority Unit' or 'LAU'. This will help to ensure that your telephone enquiry is correctly routed to the right section.

### **New name?**

If your contact details should change, whether through change of job specification or change of Local Authority, please let us know as soon as possible by sending an email to: [control.pollution@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:control.pollution@defra.gsi.gov.uk). We can't keep you informed if you don't inform us.

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