Introduction
The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) Regulations 2013 were made on the 20 February and came into force on 27 February. These Regulations transpose the requirements of the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

Environmental Permitting
The implementation of the Directive means that:

- Anyone seeking a permit for a new activity which is covered by the IED will be an 'industrial installation' and need to comply with IED.

- All existing IPPC Installations will be subject to IED from 7 January 2014. We are currently considering how we bring our existing permitted sites under IED.

- A significant number of existing activities are newly brought into installation permitting. For all existing waste operations that will be newly subject to IED this permitting will need to be done by 7 July 2015. This will depend on whether operators will continue to operate above or below the IED threshold capacity limit. We will let the waste sector know what this means for them and what changes may need to be made during the latter part of 2013.

Standard permits
We have provided some new IED installation standard rules and associated risk assessments that can be used for new or existing waste activities that have come into the scope of IED. These are listed below. They are available and can be applied for now.

We have also provided new waste operation standard rules for new activities that fall under the IED threshold.

Note: New applicants cannot now apply for the old waste operation rules where they exceed IED thresholds.

The new rules are listed below.

- Standard rules SR2012 No3 - Composting in closed systems -Waste Operation (capacity no more than 75 tonnes/day)
• Standard rules SR2012 No4 - Composting in closed systems - Part A Installation (capacity over 75 tonnes/day)

• Standard rules SR2012 No7 - Composting in open systems - Waste Operation (capacity up to 75 tonnes/day)

• Standard rules SR2012 No8 - Composting in open systems - Part A Installation (capacity over 75 tonnes/day)

• Standard rules SR2012, No9 - Part A installation - On-farm anaerobic digestion facility including the use of the resultant biogas

• Standard rules SR2012, No10 - Waste Recovery Operation On-farm anaerobic digestion facility including the use of the resultant biogas

• Standard rules SR2012, No11 - Part A installation - Anaerobic digestion facility including the combustion of the resultant biogas

• Standard rules SR2012, No12 - Waste Recovery Operations - Anaerobic digestion facility including use of the resultant biogas

• Standard rules SR2012, No13 - Part A installation - Treatment of incinerator bottom ash (IBA) (capacity over 75 tonnes/day)

Our standard permit webpages have also been updated to give details of the relevant (Tier 2) standard permit application charges.

If you are making an application for a bespoke installation permit you should talk with your local Environment Agency officer about the applicable bespoke (Tier 3) OPRA charge.

Application forms

Our application forms have been updated to take account of IED requirements and allow applications to be made for the new standard rules.

Most of the changes to the application form are minor and just have relevant references to the appropriate amended guidance.

Applications for IED installations for both bespoke and standard permits will need to include a site condition report. Where there is the risk of contamination of surface or groundwater with hazardous substances, the site report will need to be supplemented with a baseline report. A baseline report contains information that allows us to determine the state of soil and groundwater contamination at a site. This allows us to make a comparison at the time of surrender of the permit. Reports contain information on the present use and, where available, also the past uses of the site and existing soil and groundwater measurements.

Applicants should now use the new forms. However, if you have already put together a permit application using the old forms we will still receive them until 1st April 2013.
What is available

For further guidance and information please see:

- Application forms and form guidance
- New standard rules we have developed for IED activities
- A table of our charges associated with the new standard rules

If you have any questions about our role or want to access the above publications please refer to IED at our website below or speak to your usual Environment Agency Area or Sector lead contact or contact us on the number below.

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