Consultation outcome: Standard rules consultation no. 15: unintentional receipt of radioactive materials and radioactive waste

 ${\it Updated:} \ \, {\it Added \ Summary \ of \ consultation \ responses} \ \, {\it and \ decisions \ document.}$

Outcome: new standard rule set and risk assessment published.

The Environment Agency proposes to have a new standard rules environmental permit to cover the:

- accumulation and disposal of radioactive materials
- radioactive waste at sites with a radiation detection system

The new standard rules permit will be an efficient way of regulating for both operators and the Environment Agency, as well as protecting the environment from pollution.

We ask for your comments on the proposed new standard rule set and its risk assessment. We are also assessing the financial impacts of this proposal.

The responses from the consultation will be used to help develop the standard rule set. The aim is to publish the new standard rule set and risk assessment before the end of January 2018.

Innovative SRUC graduate trainee scheme to train new consultancy stars of the future

An innovative graduate trainee programme has been launched by Scotland's Rural College to help identify and train the new consultancy stars of the future.

Notice: MK43 9LY, Covanta Energy Limited: environmental permit draft decision advertisement

Updated: The deadline for comments has been extended to 07 November 2017.

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. In some cases they also consult on draft decisions for environmental permits. The arrangements are explained in its Public Participation Statement

These notices explain:

- the Environment Agency's proposed decision and the reasons and considerations on which they've based this
- additional relevant information available since the application was advertised
- any information or guidance provided by the Secretary of State relevant to the application

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