

**NFA ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN
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Brook Green Consulting Limited is relocating its premises. Please note the new address:-

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Bureaucracy certainly becomes very entertaining when changing premises. Some suppliers charge for changing one's address, some don't, some will do this over the phone, some won't. Some can do this very smartly, some can't or won't. Mail redirection takes at least 5 days to kick in unless you have a supportive local postman. Plan very early and hope that the prospective purchaser of your previous house has some degree of integrity!

DEFRA CONSULTATIONS

DEFRA has no new consultations relevant for NFA members.

ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSULTATIONS

The consultations below may be found by searching using Google under "Environment Agency consultations open".

As in the previous NFA environment bulleting October 2013, the following Environment Agency consultations remain open:

- H1 consultation – closure 24th December 2013.
Members are advised to review this consultation as it has significant changes pertaining to surface water discharges and metals. Additional changes are made on 'odour' emissions guidance. Guidance is being consulted on for derogations from BAT AELs.

- The consultation on River Basin Management Plans closes on the 22nd of December and members are reminded to have a look at the RBMP most relevant to their site(s) of operation.
- The EA charges consultation remains open until 20th December. NFA has made recommendations for input into this consultation, indicating broad support for the proposals.

DECC (ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE)

DECC has a consultation open on “Finalising CRC simplification of treatment of renewable energy and metallurgical and mineralogical sectors”. Closing date for comments -17 December 2013) NFA has had a brief scan of this consultation, part of the Red Tape Challenge, that only runs from the 20th of November to 17th December 2013. Although the aims of the consultation include what appear to be sensible tidying up of previous legislation in order to prevent ‘double counting’ and increased bureaucracy on industry, yet again the short time period makes it challenging for industry to consult its members in a proper fashion. NFA is minded to make this observation should sufficient support be identified from members.

ENERGY SUPPLY

NFA notes that the supply of energy and costs to UK industry are of increasing concern to UK based industries. Customers of the energy market suppliers are complaining to Government about the high cost of energy impacting on the competitiveness of UK based manufacturing industries. Increasingly comments are also reported on concerns over the gap between supply and demand. Historically the UK has relied on a substantial proportion of its energy coming from coal fired power stations. Closures of a number of these under EU rules has had the effect of reducing gap between supply and the instantaneous ability to generate energy in response, to level not seen before in the UK and one that threatens industry with potential shutdowns at times of a high surge in demand.

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