

**NFA ENVIRONMENT BULLETIN  
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**DEFRA CONSULTATIONS**

No consultations of direct relevance to NFA were found. The outcome of two recent consultations may be found on the DEFRA consultations website but these are only the listing of responses and not Governments assessment on the responses.

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY CONSULTATIONS**

Environment Agency has released an interim consultation in the run up to the next tranche of the Water Framework Directive requirement of River Basin Management Plans 2015. These will contain actions required to move to achievement of good quality status of water bodies.

The 'Challenges and Choices' consultation is found in 'Environment Agency Consultation Open' (using Google). The consultation has an over-arching set of questions for the UK, covering identification of the major issues for the UK plus individual more detailed sub-consultations for each of the river basins.

*NFA members are strongly advised to review the relevant draft river basin plans for their sites. The consultation runs from 21/06/2103 to 2/12/2013.*

**DECC CONSULTATIONS (ENERGY AND CLIMATE CHANGE)**

There are no open consultations at this point in time.

**DBIS CONSULTATIONS**

No relevant consultations identified.

**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY WORKSHOP ON BIO-AVAILABILITY OF METALS FOR WFD EQS PURPOSES**

NFA and members attended the EA workshop that elaborated on how bio-availability of metals will be used in the Water Framework Directive EQS compliance assessment. A note has been circulated to NFA members.

## **DEFRA MEETING- SOUNDING BOARD FOR PART A IPPC STATUS PROCESSES**

The DEFRA Sounding Board meeting was attended by NFA, a note on the meeting has been circulated. Key issues were implementation of the Industrial Emissions Directive, finalisation of the non-ferrous metals BREF and start of the ferrous metals processing BREF.

## **DEFRA MEETING 'NON IPPC PROCESSES'**

The extension of the IED now has potential impact on non-IPPC processes or non-IPPC parts of industry operations. The DEFRA re-organisation of the Part A1 and Part A2 meetings into one forum has given rise to this meeting. This has minimal impact on non-ferrous metals processes and in future NFA will keep a watching brief but not attend future meetings of this group. A note on this meeting has been circulated.

## **CIWEM MEETING ON DIFFUSE POLLUTION**

NFA attended the CIWEM meeting on diffuse pollution. A note on the meeting has been circulated. Diffuse sources of pollution are now recognised as of greater significance than point source pollution, well controlled under IPPC. The meeting focussed on rural and agricultural sources rather than urban sources. The recent DEFRA consultation on diffuse urban sources has not yet regurgitated Government evaluation of responses to the consultation and NFA would very much like to see this before the next stage of action by Government.

## **DEFRA/DECC WORKSHOP OF EU/UK INTERFACE OF 'OWNERSHIP' OF REGULATORY MANAGEMENT (COMPETENCE)**

NFA attended this workshop that was aimed at gathering the many views from all quarters of industry, NGOs and other bodies on how the regulatory responsibility was distributed between EU and UK legislative powers. A NFA report has been circulated. The overall aim is to produce a report of some 30-50 pages that may be used by Government and the major political parties as a source of reference prior to the next election.

## **DEFRA MEETING ON SMARTER GUIDANCE AND DATA MANAGEMENT- WATER USAGE**

NFA was invited to attend this meeting to provide input into DEFRA's review of regulations and how the burden of compliance may be eased for industry. A note has been circulated.

## **UK WATER INDUSTRY RESEARCH (UKWIR) MEETING ON WFD PROJECTS**

UKWIR acts on behalf of the water utility companies and waste water treatment companies managing a list of research projects aimed at progress in compliance with the Water Framework Directive. A issue of particular relevance is the development and use of the SAGIS tool (Source

Apportionment Geographical Information System). The SAGIS tool is instrumental in identifying and mapping the impact of wide range of WFD pollutants of concern including non-ferrous metals. This tool is being used by Environment Agency and the water companies to input into river basin management plans but access has been restricted to licence holders. The use of SAGIS and decisions resulting from its use has the potential for major impact on other industries. These industries have expressed concerns, as has NFA, and following intervention by DEFRA, NFA is now invited to participate in UKWIR meetings. A note on this meeting has been circulated.

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