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Dear Sir / Madam

CONSULTATION ON REVISING THE SCOTTISH POLLUTANT RELEASE INVENTORY (SPRI) POLLUTANT LIST AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

A consultation on proposals for the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) to revise the Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory (SPRI) database has been launched. The changes may be of interest to your organisation, so I attach links to the consultation for you to consider.

The purpose of this consultation is to seek comments on the proposed revision of the SPRI pollutant list and certain other reporting requirements. This is the first time the pollutant substance list has been reviewed since its introduction in 2002.

Our proposals should reduce the regulatory burden on industry and simplify the SPRI system. We are proposing the removal of substances from the SPRI reporting list that are not currently reported, infrequently reported or not required to be reported under legislation.

The consultation provides information on what substances we intend to retain within the pollutant list, the substances it proposes to remove and a justification for the decision-making.

This consultation also provides additional suggestions for revising the methods for reporting substances. The consultation document and feedback form can be found at the following webpage on the SEPA website: http://www.sepa.org.uk/about_us/consultations.aspx

Please return any comments by 17 July 2013 either in writing to Graham Applegate, Air Industry and Carbon Reduction Unit, SEPA Corporate Office, Erskine Court, the Castle Business Park, Stirling, FK9 4TR or by e-mail to sprifedback@sepa.org.uk. Unless you specifically request your response to be treated confidentially, responses may be made publicly available.

Respondents should be aware that SEPA is subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 and would therefore have to consider any request made to it under the Act for information relating to responses made.

Yours faithfully
Graham Applegate
Principal Policy Officer