

# How to Have Your Say

## **Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited new bespoke environmental permit application**

We are currently assessing an application from Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited for a new bespoke environmental permit, under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (EPR) to use radioactive material and dispose of radioactive waste from the proposed Wylfa Newydd Power Station at Tregle, Anglesey.

We want to make the best decision when permitting. Listening to the views of others helps us to take account of concerns that we wouldn't otherwise be aware of. We value the responses we receive as they help us to ensure any decision we come to is appropriate and robust.

This application addresses radioactivity only. We expect the applicant to submit further applications for other permits, including water discharge activities and combustion activities under EPR and a marine licence application under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 in due time. We will consult on those applications as they are received.

You may view the application on the applicant's website by following the link below:

<https://www.horizonnuclearpower.com/our-sites/wylfa-newydd/documents>

The application is also available to view during normal office hours at the following locations:

**Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW**

**Anglesey Business Centre, Bryn Cefni, Llangefni, LL77 7XA**

**Cemaes Library, Longlascoed, Cemaes Bay, LL67 0NN**

**Wylfa Newydd Site Office, Cemaes Bay, Anglesey, LL67 0AA**

If you want to view the application at our (NRW's) office, please call our Customer Care Centre in advance on 0300 065 3000 to arrange this.

We will also be holding three public consultation events where you can find out more about the application:

Monday 20 November 2017 2pm-7pm – David Hughes Hall, Cemaes, LL67 0LW  
Tuesday 21 November 2017 2pm-7pm – Storiel, Bangor, LL57 1DT  
Wednesday 22 November 11am – 4pm – Ebeneser Centre, Llangefni, LL77 7PN.

## Natural Resources Wales' role

Our role is to examine Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited's application and to decide whether to grant or refuse a permit.

We are legally obliged to grant a permit if the applicant can show that the site meets all the legal, environmental, technological and health requirements of UK and European law.

The steps we follow when deciding whether to grant or refuse a permit are defined by legal requirements. We are required to justify this decision within the boundaries of these legal limitations. For example, we will consider all relevant information that is raised through this consultation but it would not be appropriate for us to refuse the permit simply because there was local opposition to the activity.

We will only issue a permit if we believe that the operator is able to meet the conditions of the permit. Any permit we may issue will include appropriate conditions to protect human health and the environment.

To help you, we have set out the main issues we can and cannot consider below.

### Issues we can consider comments on include:

- The operator's competency to meet permit conditions
- The way radioactive waste is managed, produced, discharged and disposed of
- The proposed limits of radioactive waste discharge
- Sampling arrangements, and how radioactive waste is measured
- The operator's submitted radioactivity dose assessment
- Correcting information in the application

- Any relevant local factors that you believe Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited has not considered in its permit application
- Please be aware that the potential operator has set out their proposals in the application document, these may - quite appropriately - not be fully developed at this point. If a permit is granted then the operator will need to demonstrate how further developments comply with the permit and we will inspect their progress as part of our routine compliance checking activities.

### **Issues we cannot consider comments on include:**

- Government Energy Policy, including the decision to develop nuclear power
- Nuclear safety and security
- Transport arrangements
- Planning matters, including the location of the site
- The date of the application for the permit and the consultation start date

These issues are beyond the scope of our environmental regulations.

### **Comments on other issues:**

Some nuclear-related matters which are outside the scope of our environmental regulations are regulated by other organisations. You may want to write to:

- The Office for Nuclear Regulation (ONR) on nuclear safety, security and transport safety issues
- Planning authorities such as the Planning Inspectorate for England and Wales (PINS) on planning matters such as traffic, access to the site, visual impact and land use
- The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) on the UK energy policy and the role of nuclear power issues

## Next steps

We have determined that the application was “duly made” from receipt. This means that the application contained all the information we need to begin the determination process.

We are now consulting on the application with the people and stakeholders. The initial consultation runs from 6 November 2017 to 14 January 2018.

We work with a number of organisations and expert bodies to seek their views on protecting human health and the environment. These include:

- Office for Nuclear Regulation
- Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water
- Local authority
- Food Standards Agency
- Public Health Wales

We will work closely with them to address public concerns and take their expert advice into account when making our decision.

We will consider all comments in our assessment of this application where they are relevant to the issue of a permit for radioactive substances.

Where comments made are relevant to another application made to NRW then we will endeavour to consider them as part of that application. Where we are clear that the comments will be relevant to another statutory body, then we will endeavour to make them available to that body for their consideration.

For this application, we will document all the relevant issues raised during the consultation along with our response, initially in a Draft Decision Document. We will consult again on our draft decision, should we make one, before publishing any final outcome in our Decision Document.

## Send us your comments

When making your comments, you may wish to consider the following questions. These are designed to help us understand your concerns and to identify relevant issues we can take into account when making a decision.

Do you have any comments on Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited's proposals? For example:

1. How they propose to prevent or minimise radioactive discharge?
2. How they demonstrate that their proposals will not cause harm to human health?
3. How they demonstrate that their proposals will not cause harm to the environment?
4. Are there any local factors, e.g. local sensitive environmental features, which Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited has not considered in their permit application which you believe we should take into account?

Please also tell us any other information you believe we should take into account in reaching our decision.

Should you wish to make any comments on the application, please send them to the **Regulated Industry Permitting Team, Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW**, or email them to [WylfaNewyddConsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk](mailto:WylfaNewyddConsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk)

Normally we must put any responses we receive on the public register. Please tell us if you don't want your response to be public.

If you made a representation to us but, in light of this guidance, now think that it is inappropriate, simply write to us confirming that you wish to withdraw it. Representations can be withdrawn at any time before the determination date of the application.

**This document is written in general terms to help you understand our permitting determination process. It is not meant as a substitute for advice on particular issues. You should seek specific advice before taking any action based on the information this document contains.**