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Cleaner and healthier air:

Consultation on draft regulations to implement fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) air quality targets.

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Action required: Responses by 16 February 2026

Overview

Our *Clean Air Plan for Wales: Healthy Air, Healthy Wales* set out a commitment to develop and enact a new target for fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}), taking account of the World Health Organisation (WHO) guidelines on air quality.

The Environment (Air Quality and Soundscapes) (Wales) Act 2024 places a duty on Welsh Ministers to make regulations setting a long- or short-term air quality target for PM_{2.5} by January 2027

This consultation seeks your views on draft regulations required to implement PM_{2.5} air quality targets.

How to respond

Insert text to explain how to respond to the consultation. This **should** include by post, email and online form (contact your Departmental Web Manager for a link to the online form).

The closing date for responses is 16 February 2025. Please either respond using the online form or complete the enclosed consultation response form and send it to any of the following:

Email: airqualitypolicy@gov.wales

(please include 'Consultation on draft regulations to implement fine particulate matter air quality targets' in the subject line)

Post:

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Further information and related documents

Large print, Braille and alternative language versions of this document are available on request.

Contact details

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The emission levels being actual or modelled for Domestic Combustion are in my opinion are misleading and I am sure are not accurate. The level of use of Wood as a fuel in Power Generation and Industrial and Agricultural sector outstrips Domestic Combustion by many orders of magnitude. For further details about the information the Welsh Government holds and its use, or if you want to exercise your rights under the UK GDPR please see the details below:

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Consultation Response Form

Your name: [information redacted]

Organisation (if applicable): DJ Davies Fuels Ltd

email / telephone number: [information redacted]

Your address: [information redacted]

Questions

We are seeking views to the following questions. Responses may be submitted through our online form or by downloading a Word version of the response form for completion. Completed response forms may be emailed to: airqualitypolicy@gov.wales.

Question 1a: To what extent do you agree with the level of ambition proposed for the Annual Mean Concentration Target (AMCT)?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Question 1b: Please explain your answer.

All industry sectors have a responsibility to make a contribution to reduce emissions.

Question 2a: To what extent do you agree with the level of ambition proposed for the Population Exposure Reduction Target (PERT)?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☒ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Question 2b: Please explain your answer.

One must set a realistic target.

Question 3a: To what extent do you agree with the proposed arrangements for assessing PM_{2.5} levels and achievement of the targets?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☐ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☒ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Question 3b: Please explain your answer.

The emissions levels reported whether actual or modelled for Domestic Combustion are in my expert opinion are misleading and do not accurately reflect the facts. The level of Wood used as a fuel in Power Generation and to provide heat in Industrial and Agricultural sectors in Wales and the UK is by a factor of at least a 100 is greater than Domestic Combustion. The emissions from the large scale plants should be reported separately. The use of Wood as a Fuel in Industrial sector is supported by Government policy and Grants. OFGEM has the data to support this.

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Question 4a: To what extent do you agree with the provision in the draft regulations to allow the subtraction of the 'natural contribution' to particulate matter where exceedances of a target are due in whole or in part to these natural contributions?

- ☐ Strongly agree
- ☐ Agree
- ☒ Neither agree nor disagree
- ☐ Disagree
- ☐ Strongly disagree

Question 4b: Please explain your answer.

Natural emissions are out of our control, therefore i have no firm opinion on this.

Question 5: We have asked some specific questions. If you have any other relevant thoughts or comments on our proposals, please provide them here. Responses to consultations are likely to be made public, on the internet or in a report. If you would

Being a stakeholder in the Fuel production and Distribution sector, I feel that our sector has been unfairly targeted by the press and Government bodies. Having personally sat on DEFRA advisory committee since 2017 to support the framework and realistic delivery of The Clean Air Act (England). It is important to listen to the views and opinions of stakeholders, who are the real experts of the industry sector. The involvement of our in England has delivered a definitive reduction in emissions in a very short timescale.

prefer your response to remain anonymous, please tick here:

Please provide a part post code, eg. CF10 [information redacted]

The emission levels being actual or modelled for Domestic Combustion are in my opinion are misleading and I am sure are not accurate. The level of use of Wood as a fuel in Power Generation and Industrial and Agricultural sector outstrips Domestic Combustion by many factors, possibly by a factor of 100. To be fair and realistic

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