

Fine particulate matter air quality targets

Q1. Question 1a: To what extent do you agree with the level of ambition proposed for the Annual Mean Concentration Target (AMCT)?

Agree

Q2. Question 1b: Please explain your answer

The 10 µg/m³ figure demonstrates a realistic AMCT. Whilst the WHO figure is 5 µg/m³ it is doubtful that this can be realistically achieved due to transboundary migration of naturally occurring and manmade particulates.

Q3. Question 2a: To what extent do you agree with the level of ambition proposed for the Population Exposure Reduction Target (PERT)?

Agree

Q4. Question 2b: Please explain your answer.

A 25% reduction in annual mean population exposure is also a realistic figure and with only 10 years until compliance it will still be a challenge.

Q5. Question 3a: To what extent do you agree with the proposed arrangements for assessing PM_{2.5} levels and achievement of the targets?

Agree

Q6. Question 3b: Please explain your answer.

The real challenge is funding monitors. What provisions will be made for providing every Local Authority with monitors? It is stated that only 11x PM_{2.5} monitors are in situ with a proposed additional 9x monitors as a minimum by 1st January 2033. Who decides where they are allocated and is 20 really enough for Wales? What would be the expectation of Local Authorities to calibrate such monitors and oversee any installation works?

Q7. 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 disagree

Q8. Question 4b : Please explain your answer.

Ynys Môn, as an island, is surrounded by naturally occurring particulate matter from the sea air, windblown sand, and large agricultural areas. Therefore, to discount 'natural contribution' from the outset may not provide residents with an accurate description of the air quality we have. Furthermore, given the wind direction on the island, and at around 100 nautical miles away, we are literally 'downwind' from the capital city of Dublin in the Republic of Ireland (of note, it has a population well over 1 million and is larger in population than Cardiff and Swansea combined). Would this also be discounted due to its transboundary nature?

Q9. Question 5: We have asked some specific questions. If you have any other relevant thoughts or comments on our proposals, please provide them here.

No Response

Submit your response

Q10. Please provide the first part of your home postcode e.g. CF10

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Q11. You are about to submit your response. Please ensure you are satisfied with the answers you have provided before sending.

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Q12. If you want to receive a receipt of your response, please provide an email address.

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