Dear Operator

Re: Annual PON15F application guidance

As you are aware, Annual PON15F’s expire on the 31st December. Therefore, a new application should be submitted to DECC to allow a new permit to be issued for the 1st January.

In the past, a large number of Annual PON15Fs have not been submitted to DECC until late into December, thus significantly reducing the time for the statutory consultee to complete their assessment and considerably increasing the overall workload.

It should be borne in mind that late applications may not be reviewed due to time/resource constraints over the holiday period, and this may necessitate operators having to request a variation to the current permit to undertake operations early in the New Year, again increasing the overall workload.

DECC would remind operators that these applications should ideally be submitted no later than the first week in December to ensure a reasonable period for the assessment process and to ensure the permits can be issued in a timely manner.

DECC would also remind operators that they may also need to update the relevant OPEP to support the undertaking of the workover operations covered by the Annual PON15F.

If you have any comments or queries regarding this guidance please contact your appointed Environmental Manager or the Environmental Management Team at
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