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## **CONSULTATION ON AN UPDATE ON MEASURES BEING TAKEN TO REDUCE THE RISK OF NON-COMPLIANCE WITH THE DAILY LIMIT VALUE FOR PARTICULATE MATTER (PM<sub>10</sub>) IN LONDON**

Air quality compliance data for 2010<sup>1</sup> has now been published and shows that PM<sub>10</sub> limits in London were within the margins of tolerance permitted. The daily limit value for PM<sub>10</sub> comes into force in London in June 2011 and, whilst the 2011 compliance assessment will not be finalised until September 2012, on the basis of current results and projections, we expect to show compliance. The attached update was sent to the European Commission in June and provides details of measures being taken to reduce the risk of non-compliance with the daily limit value for PM<sub>10</sub>. In response to interest from stakeholders we are writing now to invite views on this.

Defra continues to work with other Government Departments and the Mayor of London to deliver further improvements to air quality to reduce damage to human health.

**Responses must be received by Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2012.**

Please email responses to [EUAirQuality@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:EUAirQuality@defra.gsi.gov.uk) or post to Ekoere Deinne, Atmosphere and Local Environment Programme, Defra, Area 5F, Ergon House, Horseferry Road, London, SW1P 3AL

### **Consultation criteria**

This consultation is in line with the code of practice on consultations. This can be found at <http://www.bis.gov.uk/files/file47158.pdf>

At the end of the consultation period, copies of the responses we receive will be made publicly available in the Defra Information Resource Centre. This is so that the public can see them. Also, members of the public may ask for a copy of responses under freedom of information legislation.

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<sup>1</sup> <http://uk-air.defra.gov.uk/library/annualreport/>.

If you do not want your response – including your name, contact details and any other personal information – to be publicly available, please say so clearly in writing when you send your response to the consultation. Please note, if your computer automatically includes a confidentiality disclaimer that will not count as a confidentiality request.

Please explain why you need to keep details confidential. We will take your reasons into account if someone asks for this information under freedom of information legislation. But, because of the provisions of freedom of information legislation, we cannot promise that we will always be able to keep those details confidential.

To see consultation responses, please contact the library at:

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Please give the library 24 hours' notice. There is a charge for photocopying and postage.

If you have any comments or complaints about the consultation process, please address them to the Consultation Co-ordinator, Defra, Area 7C, Nobel House, 17 Smith Square, London SW1P 3JR, or e-mail [consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk).

Yours Faithfully,

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