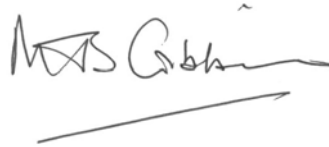
 Regulatory Policy Committee	Validation of the One-in, Two-out Status and the Net Direct Impact on Business
Validation Impact Assessment (IA)	Deregulation and simplification of the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (EPR) 1461a
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs/Environment Agency
IA Number	RPC12-FT-DEFRA-1587
Origin	Domestic
Expected date of implementation (and SNR number)	1 October 2013 (SNR6)
Date of Regulatory Triage Confirmation	19/11/2012
Date IA submitted to RPC	18/10/2013
Date of RPC validation	4/12/2013
RPC reference	RPC12-FT-DEFRA-1587(3)
Departmental assessment	
One-in, Two-out (OITO) status	OUT
Estimate of the equivalent annual net cost to business (EANCB)	-£0.42 million
RPC assessment	VALIDATED
<p>Background (extracted from IA)</p> <p>What is the problem under consideration? Why is government intervention necessary?</p> <p>A package of five environmental permitting regulatory amendments is proposed which would deliver continuous improvements and further reduce burdens. Environmental permits provide a legislative framework allowing businesses to operate whilst not compromising on environmental protection. The proposals include: removing the requirement for certain waste operators to have to secure planning permission before an environmental permit can be issued; easing requirements on low-risk discharges to groundwater from some ground source heat pumps; and three simple amendments designed to improve basic mechanical permitting procedures. Government intervention is necessary to make these legislative-based changes.</p> <p>What are the policy objectives and the intended effects?</p> <p>The policy objective is to improve environmental permitting processes and practices so as to reduce burdens on business and regulators.</p>	
<p>RPC comments</p> <p>The IA has addressed the comments in the RPC's previous validation statement (dated 17 September 2013). The IA now uses more appropriate hourly salary rates, relating to the category of staff type likely to be involved, to assess the savings to business from reduced liaison with local planning authorities. These rates, at between £13 and £30 per hour, are much smaller than the previously used £125 per hour. This accounts for the reduction in the</p>	

EANCB figure (the reduction is small as this issue affected only two components of the EANCB). The IA has also now clarified the counterfactual regarding the savings under “*Confirmation that permit and planning waste types align*”. In particular, it is now clear that the counterfactual is what happens currently and there is no alternative (extra procedural stage) option.

Signed

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Michael Gibbons, Chairman