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New MMP approval process

Installations that receive a free allocation will have a monitoring methodology plan (MMP), which is part of your approved permit and conditions (attached as Appendix 2) and can be seen in the Monitoring Methodology section in METS.

The current MMP approvals are converted to a PDF and uploaded into the permit. Due to issues with that process, OPRED have decided to simplify the approval of MMP's in your permit variations.

We will no longer be uploading approved PDFs of your MMP to your permit. Instead, we will amend your uploaded MMP to include a new "Appendix 2 – OPRED approval" tab, which will include the latest version number of the MMP, the date the variation was submitted, and the date OPRED approved it.

When a variation is required to update your MMP, the permit holder should download the latest approved MMP spreadsheet from their approved permit, make the relevant changes and upload this back into METS before submitting to OPRED. You should ensure that tab 'A_VersionMMP' is updated with the correct version number and a summary of the changes made.

There is no requirement to submit a permit variation to account for this change to the MMP process. Any variations currently under review with OPRED and any new variations submitted will account for the new process.

This new MMP process will ensure an improved and full audit trail and version control is retained by OPRED and the operator. Verifiers will also find the new format easier to work with as well.

Contact details

If you have any queries on the above, please contact OPRED at: OPRED@energysecurity.gov.uk

Kind regards Environmental Management Team