

UK National Policy Statements on energy: consultation

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To SEA Directive contacts in EU and EEA Member States:

Dear colleagues

The UK Government has launched a further consultation on the draft energy National Policy Statements. It follows a consultation undertaken by the previous Government which closed earlier this year (see my email of 13 November 2009). The UK Government has decided on this further consultation in particular because of changes which have been made to the Appraisals of Sustainability for the non-nuclear energy National Policy Statements following the previous consultation.

The Energy National Policy Statements set out national policy on a number of key energy policy areas: Fossil Fuels; Renewables; Gas Supply and Gas and Oil Pipelines; Electricity Networks; and Nuclear. Each of these forms a separate

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National Policy Statement, sitting below an Overarching Energy NPS. Each of the National Policy Statements is accompanied by an Appraisal of Sustainability, which incorporates the requirements of the Strategic Environmental Assessment Directive, and by a Habitats Regulations Assessment. We are also consulting again on the Appraisals of Sustainability and Habitats Regulations Assessments.

The consultation documents can be found at the UK Government's consultation website www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk

The consultation closes on 24 January 2011.

How to respond

- Online via the consultation website - www.energynpsconsultation.decc.gov.uk
- By post to **Energy NPS Consultation, Department of Energy and Climate Change, 3 Whitehall Place, London, United Kingdom, SW1A 2AW**
- By email to **nps.consultation.decc.gov.uk**

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