

Permit Decision for incinerator with energy recovery at Devonport Dockyard, Plymouth – March 2012

Decision to grant permit

We have decided to grant an environmental permit to MVV Environment Devonport Ltd for an incinerator with combined heat and power facility at North Yard, Devonport in Plymouth.

Our decision follows the careful consideration and thorough determination of the application.

We have consulted widely and sought comments from many organisations including the Health Protection Agency, Primary Care Trust and Natural England, as well as local residents and groups.

We have used the most up-to-date scientific evidence and received specialist advice on health matters.

We are satisfied that the conditions within the permit will ensure that a high level of protection will be provided to human health and the environment when the facility becomes operational.

We will issue the permit on Tuesday 6 March 2012.

Where can I see the permit and decision document

These will be available to view on our website at <http://bit.ly/t6qeav> and on the public registers at:

- Environment Agency, Exminster House, Miller Way, Exeter, Devon EX6 8AS (Tel: 01392 316026), and
- Plymouth City Council, Civic Centre, Armada Way, Plymouth, Devon PL1 9ST

You can obtain a copy of documents on the register - a charge may be made to cover the costs of copying. Please contact Katie Snook, Communications Business Partner, using the details at the end of this briefing.

Protecting the community

The permit sets strict conditions to protect the local community and the environment. These conditions cover the way in which the facility is operated as well as the monitoring of emissions. When the facility is built we will enforce these conditions.

This will include:

- requiring that operators measure concentrations of pollutants in exhaust gases
- checking the monitoring of pollutants using independent contractors
- doing regular site inspections
- adding or changing conditions in the permit if required
- requiring the operator to tell us if emission limits are exceeded or if they fail to comply with any of the Environmental Permit conditions
- carrying out investigations into any failures to comply with the Environmental Permit conditions
- taking enforcement action if needed. We can serve an enforcement notice to ensure a facility complies with its permit or we can prohibit operation. In serious cases we could prosecute the operator of the incinerator

Further information

Further information is available on our website or by contacting Katie Snook, Communications Business Partner, on 01392 352392 or by emailing katie.snook@environment-agency.gov.uk or by writing to The Environment Agency, Manley House, Kestrel Way, Exeter, EX2 7LQ.