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## Consultations

### Proposals to Revise the Substitute Fuels Protocol for use on Cement and Lime Kilns - Consultation Paper

(Responses due by 18 June 2004)

#### Background

The Agency's Substitute Fuels Protocol sets out the principles and practices for the use of substitute fuels, including the trials required to be undertaken to demonstrate their suitability.

The Environment Agency has recently consulted on the Protocol to seek views on proposed revisions to the way it regulates the use of substitute fuels in cement and lime manufacturing. The revisions were proposed following review of the use of wastes as substitute fuels in cement and lime kilns around the world, as well as evidence and experience from the UK

The proposed changes would:

- Reduce the environmental impact of kiln operations
- Reduce regulatory barriers to the recovery of wastes
- Divert waste from waste disposal options such as landfills
- Contribute to the sustainable management of wastes by moving some wastes up the waste hierarchy.

The Agency is satisfied that use of substitute fuels, with appropriate safeguards, has resulted in no net detriment to the environment when compared to the operation of cement and lime kilns with conventional fuels such as coal and petroleum coke.

#### What happens next

The consultation period closed 18 June 2004. We are now carefully considering all the responses before our Board decides, probably in October, whether we need to make any changes to the Protocol.

We will publish a document summarising the responses received on our web site. We plan to publish any revisions to the Protocol around the end of the year.

On request, arrangements can be made to view all the responses at one of our Environment Agency offices.

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