

# How to Have Your Say

## Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited (Horizon) permit applications for a new nuclear power station to be built on the north coast of Anglesey.

We are currently assessing three permit applications from Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited for new bespoke environmental permits, under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 (EPR); and one marine licence application under the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009 for the Wylfa Newydd new Nuclear Power Station on the north coast of Anglesey. We will now consult on these applications.

These applications are for activities relating to:

- construction water discharges
- operational cooling water discharge
- combustion activities
- construction, dredge and disposal activities in the sea

We want to make the best decision we can when permitting. Listening to the views of others helps us to take account of concerns that we wouldn't otherwise be aware of. We value the responses we receive as they help us to ensure any decision we come to is appropriate and robust.

An application to use, manage and dispose of radioactive waste has already been submitted to NRW in October 2017. We consulted on this application in November 2017.

The applications are available to view via our public register at NRW's offices in Bangor (Please call 03000 65 3000 in advance to arrange a viewing at this office)

Alternatively, Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited have made the applications available on their website;

https://www.horizonnuclearpower.com/our-sites/wylfa-newydd/documents

and at the following locations:

- Anglesey Business Centre, Bryn Cefni, Llangefni, LL77 7XA
- Wylfa Newydd Site Office



We will also be holding three public consultation events where you can find out more about the application:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 1pm-6:30pm	Storiel, Bangor, LL57 1DT
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2018 1pm-6:30pm	David Hughes Hall, Cemaes, LL67 0LW
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 12:30pm – 5pm	Ebeneser Centre, Llangefni, LL77 7PN

#### Natural Resources Wales' role

Our role is to examine Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited's applications and to decide whether to grant or refuse their permits.

We are legally obliged to grant a permit if the applicant can show that the site meets all the legal, environmental, technological and health requirements of UK and European law.

The steps we follow when deciding whether to grant or refuse a permit are defined by legal requirements. We are required to justify this decision within the boundaries of these legal limitations. For example, we will consider all relevant information that is raised through this consultation but it would not be appropriate for us to refuse the permit simply because there was local opposition to the activity.

We will only issue a permit if we believe that the operator can meet the conditions of the permit. Any permits we may issue will include appropriate conditions to protect the environment.

To help you, we have set out the main issues we can and cannot consider below.

#### Issues we can consider comments on include:

- The operator's competency to meet permit conditions
- The way the process effluents and emissions are managed and discharged
- The proposed limits associated with any discharges or emissions
- Sampling arrangements, and how the discharge and emission are measured
- How material dredged from the sea bed is disposed of
- Correcting information in the application
- Any relevant local factors that you believe Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited has not considered in its permit application



Please be aware that the potential operator has set out their proposals in the application document, these may not be fully developed at this point. If a permit is granted then the operator will need to demonstrate how further developments comply with the permit and we will inspect their progress as part of our routine compliance checking activities.

#### Issues we cannot consider comments on include:

- Nuclear safety and security;
- Planning matters, including the location of the site
- The date of the application for the permit

These issues are beyond the scope of our environmental and marine licence regulations.

#### Next steps

We have determined that the applications are "duly made". This means that the application contained all the information we need to begin the determination process.

We are now consulting on the application with the people and stakeholders. The initial consultation runs from 28<sup>th</sup> June to 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

We work with several organisations and expert bodies to seek their views on protecting the environment. Some of these include:

- Local Authority
- Public Health Wales
- North Wales Fire and Rescue
- Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water
- Food Standards Agency
- Natural England
- The Maritime and Coastguard Agency
- Welsh Government Marine Enforcement Officers
- The Crown Estate

We will work closely with them to address public concerns and take their expert advice into account when making our decision.



We will consider all comments in our assessment of the applications where they are relevant to the determination of a permit.

Where comments made are relevant to another application made to NRW then we will endeavour to consider them as part of that application. Where we are clear that the comments will be relevant to another statutory body, then we will endeavour to make them available to that body for their consideration.

For the applications, we will document all the relevant issues raised during the consultation along with our response, initially in a Draft Decision Document for the Environmental Permits only.

We will consult again on our Draft Decision, should we make one, before publishing any final outcome in our Decision Document.

#### Send us your comments

When making your comments, you may wish to consider the following questions. These are designed to help us understand your concerns and to identify relevant issues we can consider when making a decision.

Do you have any comments on Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited's proposals? For example:

- 1. How they demonstrate that their proposals will not cause harm to human health?
- 2. How they demonstrate that their proposals will not cause harm to the environment?
- 3. Are there any local factors, e.g. local sensitive environmental features, which Horizon Nuclear Power Wylfa Limited has not considered in their permit application which you believe we should consider?

Please also tell us any other information you believe we should consider in reaching our decision.

Comments can be sent to the following address;

### Permitting Team, Natural Resources Wales, Maes y Ffynnon, Penrhosgarnedd, Bangor, Gwynedd, LL57 2DW

or send an email <u>including the relevant permit reference number (below)</u> in the subject line to the following email address;



#### WylfaNewyddConsultations@naturalresourceswales.gov.uk

Permit or Licence	Reference number
Cooling water discharge environmental permit	PAN-002427
Construction water discharge environmental permit	PAN-002428
Combustion environmental permit	PAN-002429
Marine Licence	CML1832

If you made a representation to us but, in light of this guidance, now think that it is inappropriate, simply write to us confirming that you wish to withdraw it. Representations can be withdrawn at any time before the determination date of the application.

This document is written in general terms to help you understand our permitting determination process. It is not meant as a substitute for advice on particular issues. You should seek specific advice before taking any action based on the information this document contains.