

[News story: Tracking the status and events of a trade mark](#)

As part of our ongoing work to improve our digital services, we are making changes to the current trade mark eAlerts service.

The service is renamed as 'Track a trade mark' and will replace the current trade mark eAlerts service. This is a free tracking service which notifies you via email of specific events occurring to a trade mark (for both United Kingdom (UK) and International Registration (IR) trade marks).

Track a trade mark will function the same but with improvements to the look and style of the service.

The change will take effect on 27 April 2017 and the first screen will look like:

Improved look and style of service.

We would welcome further feedback to continue to improve this service going forward. Please email any comments to feedback@ipo.gov.uk.

[Statutory guidance: Local Authority Pollution Control: general guidance manual](#)

Local authorities who regulate businesses are usually district or borough councils. If an area has only one council (a unitary council) then that's the regulator. The Port Health Authority may be the regulator in port areas.

This guidance helps local authorities:

- follow statutory guidance under regulation 64 of the Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR)
- understand the EPR's main functions, procedures and terminology

Any businesses whose premises produce pollution are known as "installations". These installations are one of the following:

- [part A2](#), sectors regulated under integrated pollution prevention and control, known as Local Authority Industrial Pollution Prevention and

Control (LA-IPPC)

- [part B](#), known as Local Air Pollution Prevention and Control (LAPPC)
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[News story: 2017 Clinical Excellence Awards closed](#)

The 2017 National Clinical Excellence Awards round has now closed.

The 2017 National Clinical Excellence Awards round closed at 5pm on Tuesday 25 April 2017.

We received over 1,200 new and renewal applications.

The volume of applications for new awards means that the process will once again be highly competitive.

We will review and score all applications and announce results at the end of the year.

New awards will be backdated to 1 April 2017. Renewals will be renewed from 1 April 2018. Unsuccessful renewals will cease on 31 March 2018.

As in previous years, we will publish personal statements for successful applications.

[Collection: Local Air Pollution Prevention and Control \(LAPPC\): process guidance notes](#)

Updated: Added combustion and incineration documents.

Statutory process guidance (PG) notes on best available techniques (BAT) for the main sectors regulated to control their air emissions ('Part B' activities).

Collection: Integrated pollution prevention and control: sector guidance notes

Statutory sector guidance (SG) notes which set out best available techniques (BAT).