

Notice: C05 9DF, Gent Fairhead & Co Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: Gent Fairhead & Co Limited
- Installation name: Rivenhall Integrated Waste Management Facility
- Permit number: EPR/FP3335YU/A001

Consultation outcome: Standard rules consultation no. 15: unintentional receipt of radioactive materials and radioactive waste

Updated: Added Summary of consultation responses and decisions document.
Outcome: new standard rule set and risk assessment published.

The Environment Agency proposes to have a new standard rules environmental permit to cover the:

- accumulation and disposal of radioactive materials
- radioactive waste at sites with a radiation detection system

The new standard rules permit will be an efficient way of regulating for both operators and the Environment Agency, as well as protecting the environment from pollution.

We ask for your comments on the proposed new standard rule set and its risk assessment. We are also assessing the financial impacts of this proposal.

The responses from the consultation will be used to help develop the standard rule set. The aim is to publish the new standard rule set and risk assessment before the end of January 2018.

Notice: MK43 9LY, Covanta Energy Limited: environmental permit draft decision advertisement

Updated: The deadline for comments has been extended to 07 November 2017.

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. In some cases they also consult on draft decisions for environmental permits. The arrangements are explained in its [Public Participation Statement](#)

These notices explain:

- the Environment Agency's proposed decision and the reasons and considerations on which they've based this
- additional relevant information available since the application was advertised
- any information or guidance provided by the Secretary of State relevant to the application

Press release: Angling championship aids Tees research

The Environment Agency has joined forces with expert anglers to collect valuable fisheries data for the River Tees.

The fifth annual River Tees Championship – a fishing survey match organised by the Environment Agency – saw 46 anglers take part.

Areas of the middle River Tees not normally fished were surveyed during the competition last Sunday, 3 September, from Croft to upstream Piercebridge.

The results were good, with all sorts of species caught and recorded during the valuable event.

Phil Rippon, Environment Agency Fisheries Technical Specialist said:

Despite low river levels making fishing conditions difficult, a variety of species were caught, including dace, chub, perch, bream and trout, with all sizes and numbers logged.

The data alongside our own surveys, will help us and our partners to better target habitat and fisheries improvements as well as helping us to understand about the distribution of fish species in the Tees.

Our thanks to the angling clubs and landowners who supported the survey, and to the organisers.

The winner of this years' championship was Ant Smith who caught 21lb 7oz of Bream, Dace and Chub. All fish were safely returned to the river.

Press release: Environment Agency carry out water quality tests on Clacton beach

Environment Agency officers visit each bathing water beach from May to September every year to see what levels of bacteria are present in the water. Officers use results to maintain and improve bathing water quality. Across Tendring, the majority of beaches have "good" or "excellent" water quality, based on regular water sampling by specially trained officers from the Environment Agency.

A huge amount of work has been carried out with partners at bathing waters across the area to maintain and improve water quality. As part of this, additional sampling is taking place at Clacton bathing water to help us obtain a clearer picture of pollution sources. A period of testing is being conducted this week, with samples of groundwater being taken from under the beach.

John Daniels, Senior Environment Officer, said:

Tendring's bathing waters were generally of a very high standard, with excellent and good ratings for most beaches.

Samples are taken regularly throughout the bathing water season and this enables us to check they are safe for people to enjoy. We know how much people like going to the beach and the great benefit this has on the local economy. We will continue our work to ensure these standards are upheld.

We are working closely with partners to try and establish the cause of bathing water quality issues at Clacton. Investigations have led

us to believe that contaminated groundwater is the most likely source of the problem.

We will continue to investigate the pollution sources at the beach to help improve water quality.

The public can also do their bit to keep our beaches clean. Last month the Environment Agency and partners continued their #bin4beaches campaign to encourage people to help keep beaches clean by always putting wet wipes in the bin – not flushing them.

Full details of the water quality results for Clacton and all bathing waters can be found at the Environment Agency's bathing water quality data page:

[Bathing water quality page](#)