

Detailed guide: Apply for a standard rules environmental permit

Before you apply

Check you can comply with the [standard rules](#) and risk assessment for your permit. If standard rules do not cover what you are doing, you'll need to apply for a [bespoke permit](#).

Check you meet the [legal operator and competency requirements](#). These include having evidence of a technical competence qualification, for example from the Waste Management Industry Training and Advisory Board (WAMITAB).

To check if your site meets the standard rules about location, you should request a [nature and heritage screening report](#). You do not need this for mobile plant permits.

You must have a written [management system](#) before you start operating. We'll check it when we first inspect your site.

How to apply

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We'll tell you what documents and information you need when you start the application.

Contact us

Contact the Environment Agency if you need help with your application or you cannot apply online.

General enquiries

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Notice: LE15 7NJ, Hinch Enterprises 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: Hinch Enterprises Limited
- Installation name: Hill Farm
- Permit number: EPR/RP3036JJ/A001

Press release: Cruel electric shock collars for pets to be banned

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This ban will improve the welfare of animals and I urge pet owners to instead use positive reward training methods.

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Guidance: Plant or machinery capital allowances

The Energy Technology List comprises the technologies that qualify for the UK government's energy-saving Enhanced Capital Allowance (ECA) scheme and their energy-saving eligibility criteria.

See the [Energy Technology Product List](#) for the eligible products in this category, listed by brand name.