National Assembly for Wales

Constitutional and Legislative Affairs Committee

CLA587 - The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2015

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Background

This instrument amends The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 (S.I. 2010/675) ("the 2010 Regulations") primarily to strengthen existing powers for Natural Resources Wales to tackle waste crime and poor performing sites in the waste and other industries within the Environmental Permitting regime. The same powers also extend to local authorities in Wales in relation to regulated facilities for which they are the regulator.

Technical Scrutiny

The following point is identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.2.

These Regulations have not been made bilingually. Paragraph 2 of the Explanatory Memorandum states that it was not possible for the Regulations to be made bilingually as they are composite regulations applying to England and Wales. The Regulations are subject to approval by the National Assembly for Wales and the UK Parliament.

Merits Scrutiny

No points are identified for reporting under Standing Order 21.3 in respect of this instrument.

Government's Response

These composite Regulations will apply to England and Wales and are subject to negative resolution procedure in the National Assembly for Wales and in both Houses of the UK Parliament. Because the Regulations will be subject to UK Parliamentary scrutiny, it is not considered reasonably practicable for this instrument to be made or laid bilingually.

Committee's Consideration

We considered the instrument at our meeting on 19 October 2015. We noted the Welsh Government's response and report to the Assembly in line with the points made under the section on technical scrutiny above.