

Environment: integrated pollution prevention and control

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The amended proposal incorporates 27 of the 57 amendments adopted by the European Parliament. The main amendments relate to: - the introduction of the concept of the "basic obligations of the operator", meaning that operators are responsible for managing the environmental consequences of their activity during the entire life of their installations and must draw up an active strategy to help improve and protect the environment on a permanent basis; - public access to information on applications for permits before any decision is taken; - the deletion, under the definition of the term "preparation" of the exclusion of finished products and radioactive substances; - the addition, under "emissions" of lighting and vibration; - the amendment to the definition of "substantial change" in order to cover all types of major change more completely; - the inclusion of nuclear installations; - a more flexible procedure for permits for existing installations; - the scope of the directive. However, the Commission did not accept amendments relating to: - the register of emissions and the assurance regarding the effects of pollution; - public health and the impact assessment; - fixed emission limit values; - the system of taxation; - comitology: the Commission stood by its initial proposal to set up an advisory committee.