Status of the Reference Document on Best Available Techniques (BREF) for Large Combustion Plants (LCP)

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Abstract

Directive 2010/75/EU on industrial emissions (IED) has amended several pieces of legislation concerning industrial emissions in the European Union (UE). In Annex I, the combustion of fuels in installations with a total rated thermal input of 50 MWth or more is considered Activity 1.1.

Under Chapter II of the IED, Article 13(1) requires the Commission to organise an exchange of information between it and Member States, the industries concerned and non-governmental organisations promoting environmental protection in order to draw up, review and, where necessary, update Best Available Techniques (BAT) Reference Documents (BREFs). BAT conclusions are the reference for setting the environmental permit conditions throughout the EU.

The current LCP BREF was published by the Commission in 2006. Its review process started in 2011 with the re-activation of a technical working group (TWG). After agreeing on the key environmental issues and the scope of the review, information and data were exchanged within the TWG and a draft of the revised LCP BREF was released in June 2013. The review of the LCP BREF is still ongoing within the iterative steps of the 'Sevilla process' which involves Member states, industry federations, non-governmental organisations and the Commission.