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ESA responds to EFRA Committee announcement on the Hazardous Waste NPS

The Environmental Services Association (ESA), the voice of the UK's waste management industry, today commented on the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's announcement on the Hazardous Waste National Policy Statement. ESA's Director of Policy, Matthew Farrow, said:

"In principal, ESA welcomes the Select Committee announcement recommendations, especially those aimed at reducing delays, duplication and cost for developers.

"We are particularly keen to see Defra amend the NPS so that the language used is consistent and accurate throughout the document, so as to reduce the likelihood of legal challenge in the planning process. We also are pleased to see recommendations that Government must play a more proactive role in educating the public about the need for and benefits of new hazardous waste infrastructure.

"However, ESA remains very concerned about the level of fees and charges that will fall on developers of hazardous waste facilities, particularly as the thresholds for inclusion in the NPS regime remain relatively low."

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Notes to editors:

The Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee has agreed its Eleventh Report of Session 2010-12. The draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste (HC 1465), Eleventh Report of Session 2010-12 will be published on Wednesday 14 December at 00.01 am.

The Environmental Services Association provided Oral Evidence to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee in September 2011.

The Environmental Services Association (ESA) is the trade association representing the UK's waste management and secondary resources industry. ESA's Members provide essential waste and secondary resources management services to the public and private sectors.

ESA works with all levels of government and regulators to deliver more sustainable waste management for the UK.

ESA's Members manage waste on behalf of the whole of society and we are recovering more of the materials and energy from waste than ever before: for example, quadrupling the UK's household recycling rates over the last 10 years. For further details please visit www.esauk.org