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Progress Report Appraisal Report

The Progress Report sets out new information on air quality obtained by East Cambridgeshire District Council as part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

The Review and Assessment Progress Report covers the minimum requirements for reporting on monitoring and new local developments. It also covers some of the recommended additional elements including information on air quality planning policies. On the basis of the information provided by the local authority, the report is accepted for monitoring data and new local developments.

Following the completion of this report, East Cambridgeshire District Council should submit an Updating and Screening Assessment by April 2012.

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Commentary

The report is well structured and covers all of the minimum requirements and some of the recommended additional items of the information specified in the Guidance.

The following specific items are drawn to the local authority's attention:

1. The monitoring sites included in the report include locations where relevant exposure exists. Annual mean concentrations recorded in 2010 remain well below the objective value. The site at Witcham Toll (A142) has shown an increase in concentrations between 2009 and 2010. The Council has identified this as a busy junction (greater than 10,000 vehicles per day). Given that the diffusion tube site represents a worst case location, no assessment has been deemed necessary for this site. The Council should, however, continue to monitor concentrations at this site to ensure ongoing compliance with the objective.
2. The report includes presentation of trends recorded at diffusion tube monitoring sites. A continuous monitor has previously been used to record concentrations of PM₁₀. This site is currently mothballed. The Council could consider presenting historic data recorded at this site in future reports to demonstrate compliance with the PM₁₀ objectives.

This commentary is not designed to deal with every aspect of the report. It highlights a number of issues that should help the local authority either in completing the Progress Report adequately (if required) or in carrying out future Review & Assessment work.

Issues specifically related to this appraisal can be followed up by returning the attached comment form to Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Government or DOE, as appropriate – or by emailing the form to reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com.

For any other queries please contact the Local Air Quality Management Helpdesk:
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