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Responses

**Proposal to
Amend the Landfill
Regulations (NI)
2003**

*Response Date:
15 September*

This brings NI legislation up to new EU standards, moving emphasis on waste management 'up' the hierarchy to reduction emphasis and changing definitions to allow incorporation of other waste streams with municipal.

**Ozone Depleting
Substances**

*Response Date:
16 September*

NIEL welcomes the introduction of these new Regulations for protection of the ozone layer in the upper atmosphere from Ozone Depleting Substances.

**Warmer Healthier
Homes:
New Fuel Poverty
Strategy for NI**

*Response Date:
24 September*

NIEL argued that the development of a new Fuel Poverty Strategy represents an opportunity for Northern Ireland to demonstrate sustainable development by delivering social policy in a way that also contributes to environmental sustainability. NIEL agreed that the Warm Homes Scheme should remain the main tool in tackling energy inefficiency and that the use of renewable technologies should be actively encouraged in all appropriate areas of the Scheme. We also supported the proposal that all applicants and beneficiaries of the Scheme will receive advice on additional energy efficiency measures. Finally while supporting the introduction of a Boiler Replacement Scheme (BRS) it is NIEL's view that the BRS must be part of Warm Homes if it is to be operated in an efficient and effective manner.

**Review of PPS 15
Planning and Flood
Risk**

*Response Date:
30 September*

NIEL stated that PPS 15 together with the Water Framework Directive and the Floods Directive represent a driver for sustainable development and provide a range of useful tools for planners. We called for greater integration of PPS15 with other key policy areas and strategies such as the Northern Ireland Biodiversity Strategy, Sustainable Development Strategy and Sustainable Drainage Systems. We argued that the Northern Ireland Executive needs to clear a number of policy 'log-jams' if a joined-approach is to be achieved and stakeholders helped to engage in forward planning. These policy areas included clarification around the Review of Public Administration, Planning Reform and the Regional Development Strategy.

