



Law Society  
of Scotland

# Consultation response

Consultation on amendment of the conditions  
allowing the receipt of radioactive waste and  
contaminated items

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## Introduction

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Our Environmental Law Sub-committee welcomes the opportunity to respond to the Scottish Environment Protection Agency's *Consultation on amendment of the conditions allowing the receipt of radioactive waste and contaminated items*<sup>1</sup>. We do not seek to answer the consultation questions but have the following comments to put forward for consideration.

## General comments

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We do not make comment on the proposed amendment of the conditions, however, we note that if the amendments are to be made, there ought to be care taken around the timing of putting the new conditions in place so as to allow operators sufficient time to apply to have their permit amended if required.

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<sup>1</sup> [https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/radioactive-substances-unit/consultation-on-amendment-of-the-conditions-allowi/consult\\_view/](https://consultation.sepa.org.uk/radioactive-substances-unit/consultation-on-amendment-of-the-conditions-allowi/consult_view/)