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The UK's 347,000 kilometre network of sewers and 9,000 sewage treatment works fulfil the vital function of managing over 11 billion litres of waste water each day. Changing weather patterns and population growth are leading to increased volumes of waste water in some parts of the country. In coming years, there will be a need to construct new infrastructure to manage waste water. In particular, new infrastructure is needed in the River Thames area to cope with population growth and to meet the European Union's environmental requirements. But the draft National Policy Statement (NPS) on Waste Water needs radical improvement if it is to provide a valuable policy framework to guide decision-makers. The Committee criticise the draft National Policy Statement for focussing on two specific London projects, the Thames Tunnel

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and replacement of a sewage treatment works in North East London. They argue that it should set out a strong set of general principles for decision makers to apply to any waste water project once a specific application is made, rather than have site-specific sections. The Planning Act 2008's new regime for Nationally Significant Infrastructure (NSIPs) does not currently apply to the Thames Tunnel project—a surprising omission given that this multi-billion pound project is one of only two waste water projects likely to be of sufficient scale to come within the ambit of this NPS. The Government must rectify this urgently.

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The Committee heard persuasive evidence about the environmental damage caused by over-abstraction. The reform of abstraction licenses must be brought forward as the Government's current plans - to reform the abstraction regime by the mid-to-late 2020s - will not take effect rapidly enough given that our rivers are already running dry. Defra must also work with Ofwat

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and the Environment Agency to tackle urgently those abstractions which are already causing severe damage to our rivers. It is "extremely disappointing" that the White Paper fails to set a target to increase levels of water metering. The report also highlights how bad debt in the water sector adds around £15 to each household's water bill every year. Defra must implement existing legal provisions rapidly to tackle this problem. The Committee also examines proposals to increase competition in the sector. They conclude that Defra should set a clear target date for opening a competitive retail market for water, and should take account of lessons that can be learned from Scotland. The Committee believes that the White Paper's proposals will fail to deliver a well-functioning retail market and suggests how to remedy this. The Government also needs to take action to encourage the development of Sustainable Drainage Systems (SuDS), which can reduce the risk of flooding, and to implement the relevant outstanding provisions of the Flood and Water Management Act 2010. It is "deeply worrying" that the Government had not yet reached an agreement with insurers about providing cover for homes in areas of flood risk

Government response to the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's eleventh report, session 2010-12 (ISBN 9780215039965)

Dated February 2012. Government response to the EFRA Committee's fourth report of session 2010-11 (ISBN 9780215559050). The NPS framework document is publishing simultaneously (ISBN 9780108511080)

Without suitable management, hazardous waste may pose a risk to human health and the environment. We also need to manage our hazardous waste in a more sustainable

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way and ensure that, where possible, we recycle and recover hazardous waste rather than sending it for disposal. New, nationally significant infrastructure for the management of hazardous waste is needed to protect the environment and human health and to allow us to manage hazardous waste in a more sustainable way, recycling and recovering the waste where possible. The Hazardous Waste National Policy Statement (NPS) sets out the strategic need and justification of Government policy for the provision of such infrastructure. It will be used to guide decisions made by the Planning Inspectorate. The NPS provides a framework for the Secretary of State, but also provides guidance throughout for potential developers and in particular advises on what should be included in their assessment of the potential impacts of a particular project.

The draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste (ISBN 9780108510878) was published for consultation in July 2011. Additional written evidence is contained in Volume 2, available on the Committee website at www.parliament.uk/efracom Incorporating HC 100, session 2007-08 and HC 1094, session 2008-09

Waste water treatment infrastructure is essential for public health and a clean environment. Demand for new and improved waste water infrastructure is likely to be driven by the following: (i) More stringent statutory requirements to protect the environment and water quality; (ii) Population growth and urbanisation; (iii) Replacement or improvement of infrastructure; (iv) Adaptation to climate change. This

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National Policy Statement (NPS) sets out Government policy for the provision of major waste water infrastructure as defined in the Planning Act 2008 (ISBN 9780105429081). It will be used as the primary basis for deciding development consent applications for waste water developments that fall within the definition of Nationally Significant Infrastructure Projects (NSIP). The publication is divided into four chapters and four annexes: Chapter 1: Introduction; Chapter 2: Government policy on need for waste water infrastructure; Chapter 3 Factors for examination and determination of applications; Chapter 4: Generic impacts.

The National Policy Statement (NPS) outlines the Government's vision and policy for the future development of nationally significant infrastructure projects on the national road and rail networks (but excluding HS2). It provides guidance for promoters of nationally significant infrastructure projects, and the basis for the examination by the Examining Authority and decisions by the Secretary of State. Chapters explore: the need for development and the government's policy; wider Government policy on the national networks; assessment principles; generic impacts.

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National Policy Statements (NPS) are a key component of the new planning system for nationally significant infrastructure projects, introduced by the Planning Act 2008. The Act stipulates that a proposal for a National Policy Statement will be subject to public consultation and allows for parliamentary scrutiny before designation as national policy by the Secretary of State. The draft Ports National Policy Statement (Department for Transport, 2009) has been welcomed by many organisations as a good start which can be built upon. The Committee has recommended a number of modifications and expects the Department will improve the draft as a result of the consultation and scrutiny processes. The Committee has reservations regarding the Government's 2007 policy for ports and the lack of guidance on location for port development in the NPS but this, of itself, does not make the NPS unfit for purpose. But the Committee cannot recommend designation at this stage on two counts. Firstly, a key, related policy statement - the National Networks NPS - has yet to be published. Secondly, the organisation likely to be one of the principal decision-makers for port development - the Marine Management Organisation - has yet to be established and so has been unable to comment on guidance that will be of great importance to its role. These are fundamental flaws in the

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consultation process and the Ports NPS should not be designated until they are rectified. Water for Life describes a vision for future water management in which the water sector is resilient, in which water companies are more efficient and customer focused, and in which water is valued as the precious and finite resource it is. It explains that we all have a part to play in the realisation of this vision and recognises that water is essential for economic growth and that we must protect the environment for future generations. Plans outlined include: improving the condition of our rivers by encouraging local organisations to improve water quality and make sure we are extracting water from our environment in the least harmful way; announcing plans to reform the water industry and deregulate water markets to drive economic growth; enables business and public sector customers to negotiate better services from suppliers and cut their costs; removing barriers that have discouraged new entrants from competing in the water market; asking water companies to consider where water trading and inter connecting pipelines could help ensure secure water supplies at a price customers can afford; enabling water companies to introduce new social tariffs for people struggling to pay their bills and seeks to tackle bad debt which ordinary householders have to bear the cost of to the tune of £15 per year; and tackling the historic unfairness of water infrastructure in the South West. These changes are all designed to lead to a more robust and prepared water industry, which promotes innovation and growth in the economy at the same time as we protect the environment

The Pollution Prevention Handbook provides the necessary tools to set up a successful pollution program; implement specific projects to meet environmental regulation, and improve efficiency and product quality. Methods used to reduce waste generation are

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illustrated, and new treatment methods to reduce the volume or toxicity of waste are described. Practical examples illustrate key concepts, and numerous case studies provide successful programs found in the real world. The text is divided into three major sections:

proposals for national policy statements on Energy : Third report of session 2009-10, Vol. 2: Oral and written Evidence

The National Planning Policy Framework 2012 sets out the Government's planning policies for England in achieving sustainable development and how these are expected to be applied. It sets out the requirements for the planning system only to the extent that it is relevant, proportionate and necessary to do so. It provides a framework within which local people and their accountable councils can produce their own distinctive local and neighbourhood plans, which reflect the needs and priorities of their communities. This Framework does not contain specific policies for nationally significant projects for which particular considerations apply. Divided into thirteen chapters, with three annexes, it looks at the following areas, including: building a competitive economy; ensuring town centre vitality; supporting a high quality communications infrastructure; delivering high quality homes; protecting the Green Belt; meeting the challenges of climate change, flooding and coastal change; conserving the natural and historic environments and facilitating the sustainable use of minerals. £200 billion of new investment in energy infrastructure is needed by 2020 to cope with

rising demand and meet targets on renewable energy and climate change. The six draft National Policy Statements (NPSs) are designed to speed up the planning process for major energy projects to help facilitate this investment, but the new drafts do not prioritise low-carbon generation and renewables over conventional capacity. New Government rules on energy policy could lead to a second 'dash for gas', delaying critical investment in renewables and other low carbon technologies and making the UK's climate change targets impossible to achieve. And development of too much gas capacity could crowd out opportunities for renewables to form a substantial component of the UK's energy mix. The Committee is also sceptical about the ability of the Government to deliver its aims on nuclear power. Ministers told the Committee that the NPSs should enable the development of 16 GW of new nuclear plant by 2025. That is two new nuclear plants each year. The MPs call for more clarity in coordinating developments, and stress that political certainty is essential for investors having to make decisions with planning horizons sometimes over several decades. It raises concerns about the level of investment uncertainty created by giving Ministers the ultimate power to decide on planning decisions and the Government should publish criteria against which the Secretary of State should exercise their discretion. Government interim response to HC 1465, session 2010-12 (ISBN 9780215039965). The draft National Policy Statement for Hazardous Waste (ISBN 9780108510878) was published for consultation in July 2011

The Committee on Radioactive Waste Management (CoRWM) acts as an independent body to advise and scrutinize the work of the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority (NDA), responsible for implementing the Managing Radioactive Waste Safely (MRWS) strategy for the long-term management of radioactive waste: disposal in a deep geological repository, along with a robust interim storage strategy. This report focuses on how CoRWM has performed since 2007 and considers whether its remit has proved appropriate. CoRWM has produced three reports, covering the main strands of the MRWS programme: geological disposal, interim storage, and research and development. The Government has responded positively to many of CoRWM's recommendations. But the Committee is concerned that neither the Government nor CoRWM give the impression of having any sense of urgency. CoRWM could play a more active role in driving forward the MRWS programme through scrutinising, and if necessary reporting on, the Government's progress. The Government should publish clear policy milestones for all aspects of the MRWS programme, include an assessment of their progress against these milestones in an annual report which should also set out the progress the Government has made in meeting the recommendations made by CoRWM in their reports. CoRWM should also provide advice to Government on any draft (as well as established) policies that have

implications for the management of radioactive waste. CoRWM's current membership includes an appropriate range of scientific expertise, but it should contain more members with experience of business and practical on-site operations and engineering.

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