

Factsheet 2.02 – Applying BAT

BAT assessment and BAT reconsideration (the installation is BAT)

This can be done for new permits by:

- BAT appraisal is performed and the relevant BAT conclusions are referenced for the installation;
- Applicants are required to submit an assessment against relevant BAT conclusions as part of their permit application (operator provides evidence that the installation operates in a way that can meet any environmental objectives or performance levels (i.e. BAT-AELs) contained within the relevant BAT conclusions). Competent authorities carry out a BAT assessment on site before the permit is granted
- Local and installation specific conditions will be taken into account with adding special conditions; Internal quality procedures, e.g. before issuing, permits will be peer reviewed;

This can be done for existing permits by:

- In case general binding rules are used, they will be regularly updated on national level so they will stay BAT;
- When new BAT conclusions are published, existing permits must be reviewed within the required timeline (i.e. within 4 years from the date of publication of the BAT conclusion from the main activity of the installation) and if necessary updated
- Permits are regularly reviewed and if necessary updated based on a special program;
- Use of a special IED tool of app)

Further we need to address the definition of “BAT”. E.g. if you deviate from BAT-conclusion (with good motivation) is the permit considered to be BAT?