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Dear Consultee,

Implementation of the Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) under the Kiev Protocol – Call for views

I am writing to invite views on the UK's implementation of the Pollutant Release and Transfer Register (PRTR) under the Kiev Protocol. The PRTR is an inventory of pollution from industrial sites and other sources, and the Protocol requires that this information is publically accessible. It enables the public to have access to environmental information concerning the annual amounts of pollutant release to air, water and land as well as off-site transfers of waste and of pollutants in waste water from certain facilities. The PRTR contributes to transparency and effective participation by the public in environmental decision-making.

The following documents may be found on Defra's website at the following web link:

<https://consult.defra.gov.uk/atmosphere-local-environment-team/copy-of-protocol-on-prtrs>

- The Call for Views Document
- The Kiev Protocol on PRTR

I welcome your views and comments on how effectively the UK has implemented this Protocol, particularly the requirement to have a publically available inventory of pollution from industrial sites.

Please submit your response through Citizen Space (web-link above). Responses should be received by 23.59 **06 April 2017**. Hard copies will not be sent out unless requested.

A summary of responses to this call for views will be published on the Government website at: www.gov.uk/defra. The summary will include a list of organisations that responded but not personal names, addresses or other contact details.



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- This call for views is being conducted in line with the "Consultation Principles" as set out in the Better Regulation Executive guidance which can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/consultation-principles-guidance>. 1.6 If you have any comments or complaints about the call for views process, please address them to:

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Or email: consultation.coordinator@defra.gsi.gov.uk.

Thank you for your help in this matter. If you have any queries, please contact me.

Yours sincerely

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