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Action Plan Progress Report Appraisal Report

The Progress Report sets out new information on air quality obtained by North West Leicestershire District Council as part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

The Review and Assessment Progress Report covers the **minimum requirements for reporting on monitoring and new local developments**. It also covers **some of the recommended additional elements including:**

- a log of relevant planning applications
- information on air quality planning policies
- progress with the LTP

On the basis of the information provided by the local authority, the report is **accepted for monitoring data and new local developments**. The report also provides a brief update on progress with the Air Quality Action Plan. This section is also **accepted** but it is recommended that the local authority submit a revised plan without delay and take into account the comments provided below.

Following the completion of this report, North West Leicestershire should submit their Updating and Screening Assessment by April 2012.

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Commentary

The report is well structured and covers all of the minimum requirements and some of the recommended additional items of the information specified in the Guidance.

The following specific items are drawn to the local authority's attention to help inform future work. These mainly refer to small errors, but it is recommended that the local authority note these items for future reporting purposes:

1. Section 4.2.1.1 on automatic monitoring states that two new sites were installed during 2011 (Coalville on 10/09/2011 and Castle Donington on 10/11/2011). It is assumed that these are errors and that the sites were installed in 2010.
2. The data capture rates given in Tables (e.g. 6, 9 and 10) are provided for 2009. Again it is assumed that these are errors and the rates are those for 2010.
3. Data is reported for PM_{2.5} in comparison to the annual mean. In future reports, a brief discussion could be provided to state that the concentrations are meeting the objective.
4. The data capture rate of PM_{2.5} measured at Creswell Drive is less than 75% so concentrations should be annualised to represent the calendar year.
5. The section in Appendix A on QA/QC of diffusion tube monitoring states "Start Writing here". This should be deleted.

Regarding Section 11 on Action Plans, it is considered that the progress update is brief and does not contain all the information recommended in the guidance (LAQM.TG(09)). However, it is noted that little progress has been made in the last year due to the reasons stated in the report and that the local authority plan to revise the action plan. The action plan is now out of date and does not include all of the AQMAs in the district.

It is recommended that the revised plan includes an assessment of the cost-benefits of each measure so that they can be implemented in order of priority. The plan should also provide indicators (quantitative where possible) for each measure to help assess progress. Future annual updates should follow the table structure given in the guidance and assess progress against the indicators, estimating emissions reductions where feasible.

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This commentary is not designed to deal with every aspect of the report. It highlights a number of issues that should help the local authority either in completing the Progress Report adequately (if required) or in taking forward their Action Plan.

Issues specifically related to this appraisal can be followed up by returning the attached comment form to Defra, Welsh Assembly Government, Scottish Government or DOE, as appropriate – or by emailing the form to reportappraisal@ttr-ltd.com.

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