# EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM THE POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL (AMENDMENT) AND CONNECTED PROVISIONS (NO. 2) REGULATIONS (NORTHERN IRELAND) 2005 S.R. 2005 No. 285

1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Department of the Environment and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

# 2. Description

2.1 The Pollution Prevention and Control (Amendment) and Connected Provisions Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 [Northern Ireland S.R. 2005 No. 229] are substituted by these Regulations.

# 3. Matters of special interest

3.1 These Regulations are made in breach of the 21-day rule in order to ensure that they become operative as soon as possible after the operative date of the Regulations they replace.

## 4. Legislative background

4.1 The Pollution Prevention and Control (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2005 [Northern Ireland S.R. 2005 No. 229] are substituted by these Regulations in order to remove a doubt as to their *vires*. They do not make any substantive amendment to the earlier Regulations.

### 5. Extent

5.1 These amending Regulations apply to Northern Ireland.

### 6. European Convention on Human Rights

6.1 No statement required.

# 7. Policy Background

7.1 The amendments are mainly correctional or deregulatory and were the subject of public consultation during 2004. In general terms there were no negative responses.

# 8. Impact

8.1 All the principal stakeholders were consulted on the draft amending Regulations and proposals. A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Statutory Rule, as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

# 9. Contact

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