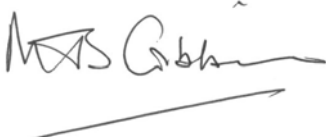
 Regulatory Policy Committee	OPINION	
Impact Assessment (IA)	Amendment to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 - new schedule for Materials Recovery Facilities (MRFs)	
Lead Department/Agency	Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs	
Stage	Consultation	
Origin	Domestic	
IA Number	Defra 1481	
Date submitted to RPC	21/11/2012	
RPC Opinion date and reference	28/11/2012	RPC12-DEFRA-1625
Overall Assessment	GREEN	
<p>The IA is fit for purpose. The additional information provided by the Department, and incorporated into the IA, sets out the rationale for the proposed changes, the associated potential costs, and how informal consultation with stakeholders supported the proposals. The IA could benefit from a clearer articulation of the relevant quality standards expected for recyclates.</p>		
<p>Identification of costs and benefits, and the impacts on small firms, public and third sector organisations, individuals and community groups and reflection of these in the choice of options</p> <p><i>Quality Standards.</i> The IA could more clearly describe the quality standards which industry will be expected to achieve as a result of the proposals. A clearer definition of the intended quality standards and how these relate to the <i>voluntary grading/banding system</i> in the Quality Action Plan could assist the consultation.</p>		
<p>Have the necessary burden reductions required by One-in, One-out been identified and are they robust?</p> <p>The IA says (page 18) that the proposal is outside the scope of ‘One-in, One-out’ (OIOO) because it <i>“is the minimum necessary to comply with the separate collection requirement of the revised Waste Framework Directive”</i>. As the proposal is intended to implement an EU Directive without going beyond the minimum requirements it is out of scope of OIOO in accordance with the current OIOO Methodology (paragraph 16; ii)</p>		
Signed 	Michael Gibbons, Chairman	