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Updating and Screening Assessment Appraisal Report

The Report sets out the Updating and Screening Assessment, which forms part of the Review & Assessment process required under the Environment Act 1995 and subsequent Regulations.

It covers all regulated pollutants and considers monitoring data, road traffic sources, other transport sources, industrial sources, commercial and domestic sources and fugitive or uncontrolled sources.

The report identifies exceedence of the annual mean NO_2 objective at three diffusion tube sites in 2011 which are located outside of an existing AQMA. The report therefore concludes that the Council will need to proceed to Detailed Assessment for these locations (junction of the Outer Ring Road with Nottingham Road and the roundabout where Castle Boulevard and Abbey Bridge meet). The report also states that the Detailed Assessment highlighted as being required in the 2011 Progress Report should be broadened to investigate whether the city centre AQMA is sufficiently precautionary to avoid frequent amendment in future – this is appropriate.

On the basis of the evidence provided by the Local Authority, the conclusions reached are accepted for all sources and pollutants.

Following the completion of this report, Nottingham City Council should proceed to Detailed Assessment for the areas identified in the USA and 2011 Progress Report and should submit a Progress Report by April 2013.

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Commentary

The report is well structured and provides all of the information specified in the Guidance. The following specific items are drawn to the Local Authority's attention to help inform future work. It is strongly recommended that the Local Authority note these items for future reporting purposes:

1. The report considers trends in monitoring data in the Local Authority area and in neighbouring areas – this is welcomed.
2. Appendix A states that the bias adjustment factor was taken from spreadsheet 04/11 – it is assumed that this is a typing error as the report refers to the 2011 national bias factor. The local bias adjustment factor has been applied to the results and this decision is justified in the report.

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 Updating and Screening Assessment adequately (if required) or in carrying out future Review & Assessment work.

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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