Netherlands Emission Guidelines for Air

Preface

The purpose of the Netherlands Emission Guidelines for Air (Nederlandse emissierichtlijn lucht, NeR) is to harmonise environmental permits regulating the emissions to the air in the Netherlands. Best Available Techniques are the starting point for establishing the emission standards and the associated techniques that are contained in the NeR. The Guidelines are therefore an important source of information for the practical working out of the ALARA principle (As Low As Reasonably Achievable).

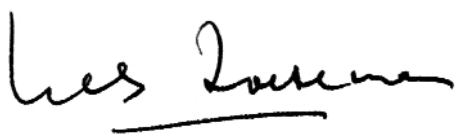
The NeR is the result of a joint effort undertaken in 1992 by public authorities and industry. In practice the NeR has shown that it meets a need. Licensing authorities, companies, consultancies and private individuals are widely using the Guidelines. The Council of State also regards the NeR as a source of information on Best Available Techniques in appeal procedures.

After an evaluation of the application of the Guidelines it was decided to increase the accessibility of the information through modifying the design and layout. Furthermore, it was decided to include in the NeR a large number of certain measures from the KWS2000 hydrocarbon project.

This book is the result of these changes. The NeR has been given a new look and a new structure, while retaining the factual information contained in the previous edition. The new design will make it possible to include the coming policy and technology developments in the Guidelines in a practical and clear way. To this end, the NeR has again been published as a loose-leaf book so that alterations and additions can be incorporated rapidly and brought to the attention of the users.[1]

The central government regards the NeR as an important tool for implementing environmental policy and as a tool for everyone responsible for issuing environmental permits. That is why the central government initially played a prominent role in the drawing up of the Guidelines. In connection with the current strong tendency towards decentralisation of tasks and powers, the time is now ripe that the responsibility to maintain and extend the NeR should shift from the central government to other authorities.

The Deputy Director-General for Environmental Protection,



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[1] This is not the case for the English edition; alterations and additions are availble at www.infomil.nl

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