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Submitted to Environment Agency charge proposals for simpler recycling
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Introduction

Your information and how we will use it

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Renewable Energy Association (REA)

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If you are responding on behalf of an organisation, how many employees work there?

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11 to 50

Are you a waste collector or waste producer?

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not applicable

How you found out about this consultation?

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from the Environment Agency

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Charge proposal: hourly rate for non-compliant businesses or occupiers of relevant non-domestic premises

Question 1: To what extent do you agree or disagree with the proposed introduction of an hourly rate charge for businesses or occupiers of relevant non-domestic premises who do not comply with the rules of simpler recycling?

strongly agree

Why do you think this?:

The REA supports the proposal to introduce charges for regulatory services that enforce the Simpler Recycling requirements. Effective enforcement is crucial to delivering the policy's aims and supporting the transition to a circular economy.

Separately collecting recyclable materials is fundamental to improving recycling outcomes. Clean, uncontaminated materials are significantly easier to process and have a higher market value. In particular, the separate collection of food waste allows it to be organically recycled via anaerobic digestion or composting—producing renewable energy, biofertilisers, and soil improvers.

We believe enforcement should begin with an education-led approach to help businesses understand and meet their obligations. However, where non-compliance persists, it is appropriate that the Environment Agency (EA) is able to recover the costs of enforcement. This will allow the EA to resource

these activities effectively without impacting the delivery of its other regulatory functions.