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Dear Andrew

REVISED ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY GUIDELINES

I am responding on behalf of the Railway Industry Association (RIA), the trade association for the railway supply industry. Our 140 member companies include manufacturers, maintainers, contractors, consultants and service providers, but not train operators. Our members do however include a number of Duty Holders.

Whilst broadly in accord with the proposals, there is one issue of drafting that we would like to raise: the second point in section 7 requires a commitment to "prevent... adverse effects... on the environment." Although we support this concept from a philosophical perspective, this wording would seem to require an impossible commitment and we would suggest that it would be better as "seeks to prevent", or possibly "prevents or mitigates".

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