

PRIME MINISTER

INTEGRATED POLLUTION CONTROL

Mr. Ridley's minute seeks your and colleagues' agreement to the issue of a consultation paper proposing a new statutory framework to replace the present system of separate controls on firms' harmful air and water discharges by a single system of integrated pollution control covering discharges of harmful wastes to air, water and land. The consultation document itself, also attached, says little that is not covered in Mr. Ridley's briefer minute, and I would not recommend that you wade through it.

As the paper notes, most of the companies which will fall within this new framework are already subject to the controls of the Inspectorate of Pollution. The main extension is to firms in the metal plating, mechanical engineering and metals fabrication sectors. Among these only the most significant generators of waste would become subject to the new controls.

Neither the Policy Unit nor any other members of E(A) have commented on Mr. Ridley's proposals.

Content that he issue the consultation document?

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Yes not