

## **Cooling towers and evaporative condensers FAQs**

### **Do I need to register?**

If you operate or have a cooling tower or evaporative condenser present on your premises, you will need to register if one of the following applies:

- the main purpose of the cooling tower is to cool water by direct contact between that water and ambient air (open to the atmosphere)
- the main purpose of the evaporative condenser is to cool fluid by passing that fluid through a heat exchanger which is itself cooled by contact with water passing through ambient air (open to the atmosphere).

### **What are the conditions of registration?**

You must provide notification **before** the cooling tower or evaporative condenser is located on the premises.

### **How will my application be determined?**

There is currently no provision in legislation for determining notifications.

However, when you register your cooling tower(s) and/or evaporative condenser(s), your details will be kept on a public register.

### **How much will it cost?**

No fees are currently charged for cooling tower and evaporative condenser registration.

### **Do I need to provide further information or evidence?**

No further information or evidence needs to be supplied after your application.

### **How long will it take you to process my registration?**

We will acknowledge receipt of your registration within 5 working days.

We will process your registration within 7 working days.

If acknowledgement of receipt or your application has not been processed against the times above, contact us.

If you do not supply the correct information your registration **will not be processed**.

### **Will tacit consent apply?**

Yes, tacit consent will apply. This means that you will be able to act as though your application is granted if you have not heard from us by the end of the target completion period.

**Will the registered location be inspected or assessed?**

No. The location will not be inspected or assessed as part of the registration process.

**If my registration is refused, how do I appeal?**

There is currently no provision in legislation for refusal of registration.

Once we receive your registration, we will register your cooling tower(s) and/or evaporative condenser(s).

**How do I tell you about a change that may affect my registration?**

If circumstances change regarding:

- the address where the cooling tower or evaporative condenser is located
- the name, address and telephone number of the person who has control of the premises where it is located
- the number of cooling towers or evaporative condensers increases or decreases or its position changes
- the cooling tower or evaporative condenser is removed or decommissioned
- the water treatment arrangements are changed

Contact us within 1 month of any change:

- E-mail: [city.direct@wolverhampton.gov.uk](mailto:city.direct@wolverhampton.gov.uk)
- Telephone: 01902 551155

Write:

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Regulatory Services  
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