

# Targeting compliance in England and Wales

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# Environmental Goals

We want:

- A better quality of life for people
- An enhanced environment for wildlife

This means we need to protect and improve the environment by providing:

- Cleaner air for everyone
- Improved and protected inland and coastal waters
- Restored, protected land with healthy soils

To do this, we also need to make some major changes and to achieve:

- A greener business world
- Wiser sustainable use of natural resources

And we need to manage two very real risks by:

- Limiting and adapting to climate change
- Reducing flood risk



## What we do

- 12,000 staff
- 135,000 permitted installations
- 10,000 Industrial and waste sites
- 90,000 water quality discharges
- 130,000 inspections per year
- ISO 9000 and EMAS certified

## Principles of Better Regulation

“we aim to find the right balance - a proportionate, risk-based response, that will drive environmental improvements, reward good performance, but still provides the ultimate reassurance that tough action will be taken on those who fail to meet acceptable standards”

# Principles of Better Regulation

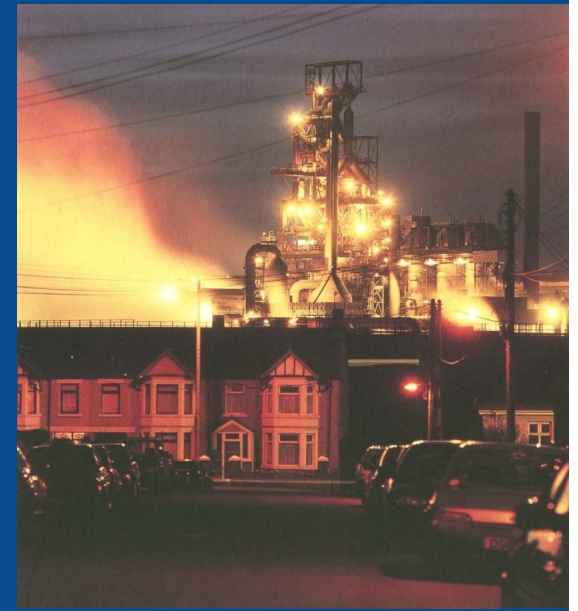
- Focus on outcomes – risk based approach
- Consistent, efficient & transparent dealings with business
- Simple straightforward legislation
- Appropriate response
  - trading schemes, permits, incentives, advising how to comply, consumer pressure, enforcement, appropriate sanctions

# Risk-based approach

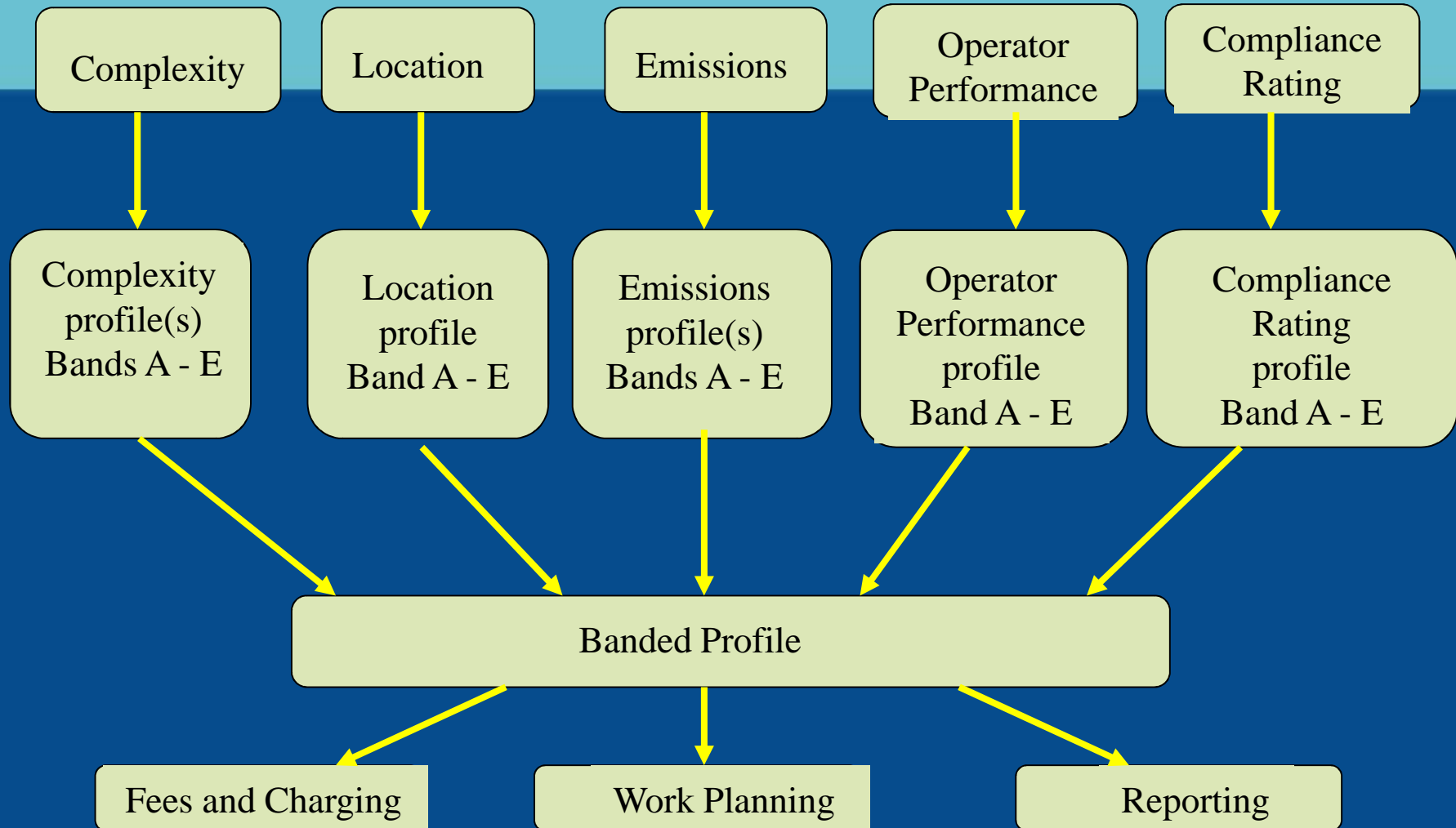
- Outcomes
- Intelligence/data
  - State of the Environment
  - Types of incidence, severity
- Risk
  - Opra – operational risk appraisal
  - Compliance Classification Scheme
  - Compliance assessment plans

## What is Opra

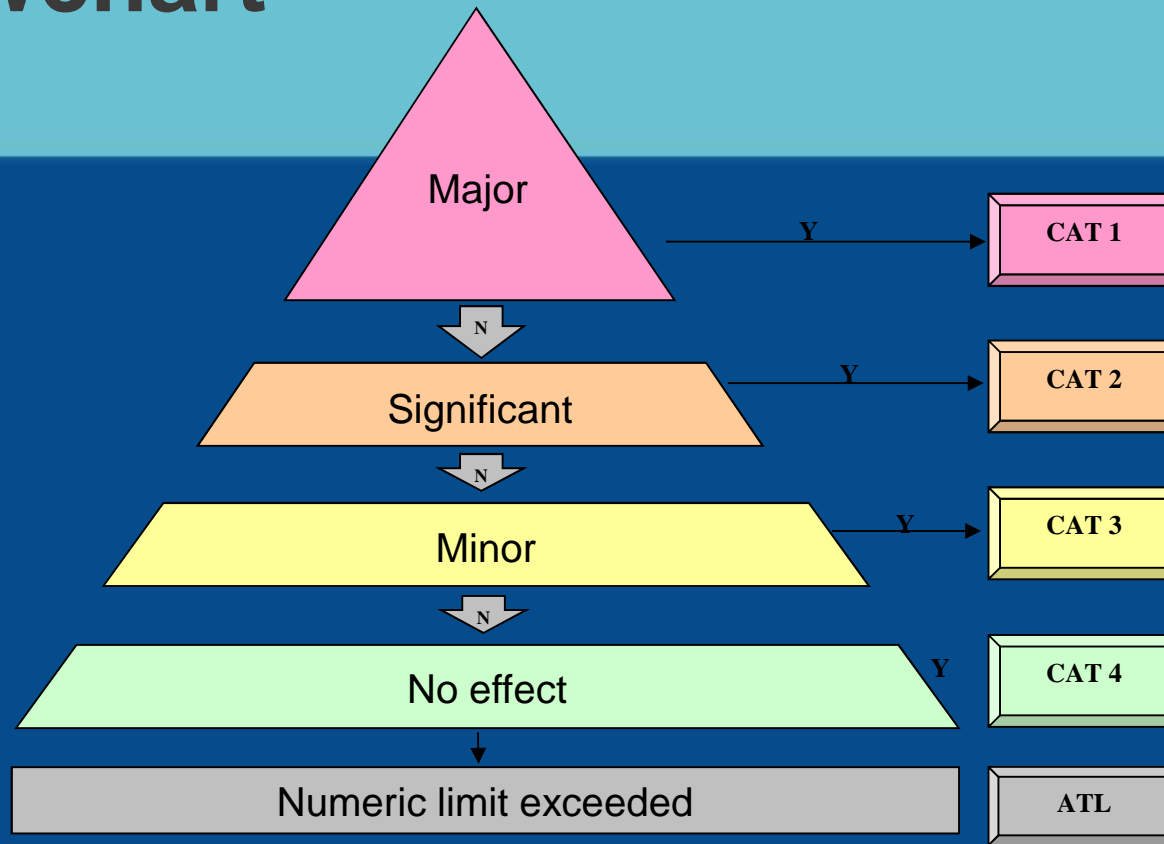
- Risk screening methodology
- Opra – risk profile based on 5 key attributes:
  - complexity
  - emissions & inputs
  - location
  - operator performance
  - compliance rating



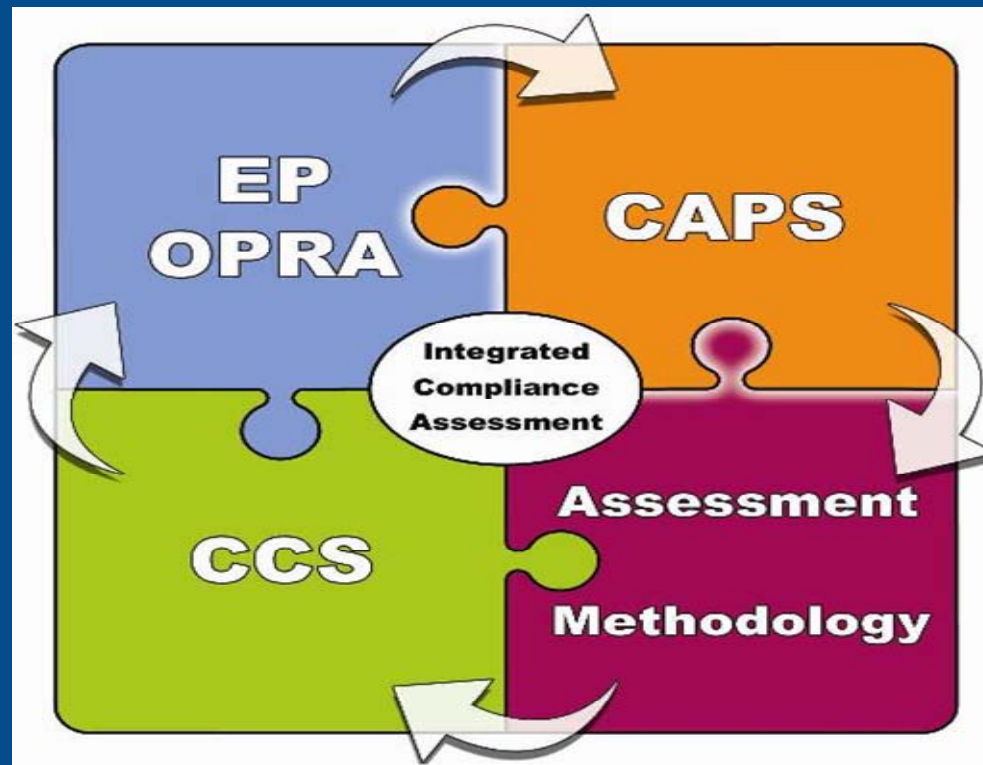
# OPRA FLOWCHART



# CCS Flowchart



# Opra and compliance



# Spotlight on Business

Operator performance in all industry sectors



## Pollution

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### Pollution hazards (EP OPRA)

#### Site details:

Operator Name	AIRBUS UK LTD
Authorisation No.	BV61 53IA
Site address	New Filton House, Filton, Bristol
Year	2006

#### OPRA Score Details:

The table below shows the Environment Agency's environmental risk and management assessment for this process for the selected year. The risk is divided into five bands A to E, where A is low and E is high.

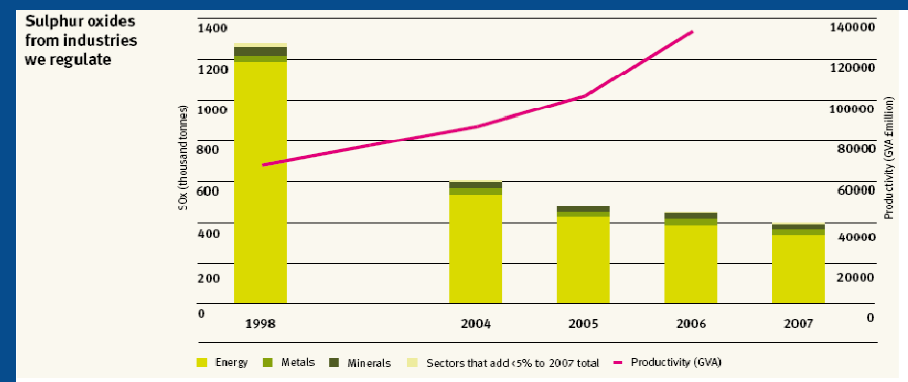
Attributes	Band
<b>Complexity of activities</b> - The more complex an installation the more effort is needed to understand the processes involved, their interactions and pollution potential	1 x A
<b>Site location</b> - Sensitivity of the surrounding area	B
<b>Emissions: Air</b>	
<b>Emissions: Land</b>	
<b>Emissions: Water</b>	
<b>Emissions: Sewer</b>	A
<b>Emissions: Off-site waste</b>	
<b>Environmental management performance</b>	Very good

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## What we have achieved

- Greater focus on outcomes
- Reduced low risk waste inspections by 70% since 2002
- Audits increased from around 60 to 1,500
- Greater focus on illegal operations
- Workload better reflects risk



## Summary

- Opra underpins our risk-based approach
- It is an approach to risk-based environmental regulation that is working