Enhancing environmental performance: A method for identifying and prioritizing Key Environmental Issues in industry

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**Supplementary material**

1. Methods studied for the elaboration of the method to select KEIs

| Criterion | Indicator | Sources |
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| Technico-economic aspects / technological advances | Additional reduction possible in the event of a change of technique | (Grammont et al., 2009; Karr et al., 2013, 2011a, 2011b) |
| Importance of the economic effort to be made, investment and operating costs, investments to be planned to comply with the standards coming into force soon | (Grammont et al., 2009; Karr et al., 2013, 2011a, 2011b)(Personne, 1998; Personne and Brodhag, 1998b) |
| Potential for identifying new or additional techniques that would further significantly reduce pollution | (Ricardo Energy and Environment et al., 2018a) |
| Potential for defining BAT-AELs that would significantly improve the level of protection for the environment as a whole in comparison with the current emission levels | (Ricardo Energy and Environment et al., 2018a) |
| Costs of compliance, cost of fines in case of non-compliance | (Personne, 1998; Personne and Brodhag, 1998b)Poder, 2006 |
| Hazardousness for the population and biodiversity | Regulatory compliance (current and future regulation), control of the impact | (Puig et al., 2015)Poder, 2006(Personne, 1998; Personne and Brodhag, 1998b)(Pons and Gaucher, 2018) |
| Presence or absence of the substance in priority / regulatory lists and positioning in these lists | (Grammont et al., 2009; Karr et al., 2013, 2011a, 2011b) |
| Carcinogenic, mutagenic, reprotoxic, endocrine disrupting substances | (ECHA, 2020)(Grammont et al., 2009; Karr et al., 2013, 2011a, 2011b)Bordeaux |
| Persistant, Bioaccumulative, Toxic substance | (ECHA, 2020)(Grammont et al., 2009; Karr et al., 2013, 2011a, 2011b) |
| Importance and nature of the actual or potential effects associated with the aspect studied and which may affect the environment | Topuz 2011Moroncini 2018Prats 2008 2011 |
| Severity / Acceptability of the impact | Puig 2015Poder, 2006Seiffert 2008Piet 2017Topuz 2011 |
| Performance degradation over time | (Personne, 1998; Personne and Brodhag, 1998b) |
| Environmental sensitivity | Number of exceedances of environmental quality standards or of Predicted No Effect Concentration | Bordeaux |
| Limited availability of a resource | (Personne, 1998; Personne and Brodhag, 1998b) |
| Stakeholder’s complaints | (Puig et al., 2015)Poder, 2006 |
| Presence of residents, sensitive areas (bathing area, nature reserves…) | Moroncini 2018Prats 2008 2011 |
| Quantification of the environmental aspect | Quantity of substance / waste emitted or of resource consumed | (Puig et al., 2015)(ECHA, 2020)Poder, 2006Bordeaux |
| Frequency or probability of environmental exposure to the aspect | (Puig et al., 2015)Poder, 2006Seiffert 2008Piet 2017Topuz 2011(ECHA, 2020)Moroncini 2018Prats 2008 2011 |
| Contribution of the activity or process to the aspect / impact | (Ricardo Energy and Environment et al., 2018a)Topuz 2011(Pons and Gaucher, 2018)(Grammont et al., 2009; Karr et al., 2013, 2011a, 2011b) |
| Duration of the environmental aspect / Temporal scale | (Puig et al., 2015)Poder, 2006 |
| Extent of the impact / Spatial scale | (Puig et al., 2015)Poder, 2006Seiffert 2008Piet 2017 |

2. Sensitivity matrix of the case study E1

|  | Criterion 2: Sensitivity of the environment | Case study E1 |
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| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |  |  |  |
| Environmental medium | Subdomain | Type of EAs targeted | Questions | Possible answers and associated scores | Information sources | Information on the site | EAs concerned at site level | Attributed score for each EA |
| Water resource (withdrawals) | Groundwater body | Water consumption | If the water body from which withdrawals are made is a groundwater body, how is it rated in terms of available quantity and exposure to drought? | 1 : Good quantitative status2 : /3 : Bad quantitative status | Water basin planification documentNational databases and cartography | Groundwater codes : HG207, HG218Good quantitative status | Water consumption | 1 |
| Surface waters | Water consumption | Si la masse d’eau dans laquelle sont effectués les prélèvements est une masse d’eau superficielle, celle-ci est-elle sujette à des phénomènes de sécheresse ?If the water body from which withdrawals are made is surface water, how is it rated in terms of available quantity and exposure to drought? | 1 : The water body is not subject to drought phenomena3 : The water body is subject to drought phenomena | Water basin planification documentNational databases and cartographyEnvironmental Impact Assessment |  |  |  |
| Water (receiving environment) | If the aqueous discharges are carried out in a surface water body | Substances | Is the receiving water body downgraded (in terms of chemical or ecological status) by the analyzed EA or does the discharge induce a risk of not achieving the good chemical or ecological status of the water body?In the absence of such information, has an exceedance of environmental quality standards been observed through environmental monitoring? | 1 : Very good or good chemical status2 : Medium chemical status3 : Very bad or bad chemical status | Water basin planification documentNational databases and cartography |  |  | Not concerned |
| Substances or thermal releases | Is the site located in or near a protected area?If so, is the reduction/removal of emissions of the parameter part of the quality objectives for this type of area? | 1 : Wastewater is not released in a protected area2 : Wastewater is released near a protected area (1 km)3 : The area in which wastewater is released is protected | Registers of protected areas (shellfish waters, fresh waters, bathing waters, drinking water catchment areas, areas sensitive to eutrophication…) |  |  | Not concerned |
| If the aqueous discharges are routed to a collective wastewater treatment plant | Substances | Is the installation connected to a wastewater treatment plant ? | 1: Aqueous discharges are routed to a collective wastewater treatment plant | Environmental Impact Assessment |  |  | Not concerned |
| If the aqueous discharges are carried out in a groundwater body (infiltration) or if the wastewater and / or sludge are spread | Substances | Is the infiltration or the spreading carried out on a sensitive area to eutrophication ? | 1 : Aqueous effluents are not discharged into an area sensitive to eutrophication or a priority action area related to eutrophication2 : Aqueous effluents are discharged into an area sensitive to eutrophication but not a priority action area related to eutrophication3 : Aqueous effluents are discharged into a priority action area related to eutrophication | Registers of areas subject to eutrophication | Wastewater or sludge is spread on an area sensitive to eutrophication. | N total, P total | 2 |
|  | Substances | Is the chemical status of the receiving water body downgraded by the EA or does the discharge induce a risk not to reach chemical quality objectives for the given water body ?In the absence of such information, has an exceedance of environmental quality standards been observed through environmental monitoring? | 1 : Etat chimique bon ou la masse d’eau n’est pas déclassée par le paramètre en lui-même 2 : / 3 : Etat chimique mauvais dû au fait que la masse d’eau est déclassée par le paramètre | National or territorial public databases and planification documents | Two concerned water bodies : HG207 and HG218 | No parameter retained | 1 |
| Substances | L'infiltration ou les épandages sont-ils réalisés à proximité d’une zone protégée ?Si oui, la réduction / suppression des émissions du paramètre fait-elle partie des objectifs de qualité pour ce type de zone ? | 1 : Wastewater / sludge is not spread in a protected area2 : Wastewater / sludge is spread near a protected area (1 km)3 : The area in which wastewater / sludge is spread is protected | Registers of protected areas (shellfish waters, fresh waters, bathing waters, drinking water catchment areas …) | Shellfish water : noBathing water : noClosest drinking water catchment point : 2,5 km | BOD5, COD, TSS, total nitrogen, total P | 3 |
| Air | Emissions (channelled or diffuse) |  | Is the area covered by an atmosphere protection plan or other planning document to improve air quality? If yes, is the substance covered by this document? | 1 : The area is not covered by an atmosphere protection plan or another territorial planning document or the substance is not covered by the planning document covering the zone.2 : The area is covered by an air protection plan or another air quality planning document, the substance is covered but does not exceed limit values, or it is classified as a likely to exceed the limit value.3 : The area is covered by an atmosphere protection plan (or other), the substance is mentioned and the limit values in the environment are exceeded. | Territorial (Regional, local) planning documents | Limit values are exceeded for COVNM and Sox, they are likely to be exceeded for PM10, NOx and PAHs | PM10, COVNM, SOX, NOX, PAHs | PM10 : **2**COVNM : **3**SOX : **3**NOX : **2**PAHs : **2** |
| Odour |  | Over the past 5 years, have there been any complaints about odors emanating from the facility? Has an odor study been prescribed by the competent authority or has an odor monitoring plan / nose panel been implemented by the operator? | 1 : It was not considered necessary to carry out or prescribe an odor study on the site and no complaints were lodged.2 : At least one complaint has been lodged concerning odour nuisance generated by the installation.3 : The odour nuisance generated by the installation has been the subject of complaints, following which additional measures have been prescribed. | ComplaintsDocumentation of the site, additional regulatory dispositions recently taken or about to be | A draft amendment to the environmental permit is underway to prescribe additional measures regarding odors. | Odour | 3 |
| Vicinity | Noise |  | Over the past 5 years, have there been any complaints about the noise generated by the installation? Has a noise study been prescribed by the competent authority or has an odor monitoring/nose panel plan been put in place by the operator? | 1 : It was not considered necessary to carry out or prescribe a noise study on the site and no complaints were lodged.2 : At least one complaint has been lodged concerning the noise pollution generated by the installation.3 : The noise pollution generated by the installation has been the subject of complaints, following which additional measures have been prescribed. | ComplaintsDocumentation of the site, additional regulatory dispositions recently taken or about to be | No | No parameters retained | 1 |