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Subject: Best Available Technique (BAT) Reference Document for Large Combustion Plants (LCP Bref) under the Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU (IED)

The Commission is currently reviewing the Best Available Technique (BAT) Reference Document for Large Combustion Plants (LCP Bref) under the Industrial Emissions Directive 2010/75/EU (IED). Many actors have voiced concerns over the current proposed BAT requirements, which have produced an exceptional number of dissenting views, and which could achieve meagre environmental results when compared with their disproportionally high costs for European industries.

What reasons can the Commission give for not having already performed an impact assessment of the current LCP Bref proposal as required by the Commission's own Better Regulation Agenda?

What measures will the Commission take in the future to evaluate the economic, environmental and social impacts of the new BAT requirements?

As for the economic impacts, has the Commission taken into account the possibility that the costs incurred by European industries as a result of the new BAT requirements will be passed on to energy prices and thus disproportionally reduce the competitiveness of European industries further in the global context and particularly compared to Northern America and Asian countries?

Will the Commission perform an Impact Assessment on the LCP Bref?

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