



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Gillian Martin MSP
Acting Cabinet Secretary for Net Zero and Energy
Scottish Government

14 May 2025

Dear Gillian,

The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2025

At its meeting on 14 May, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee considered the Scottish Government's consent notification for the following UK statutory instrument–

The Persistent Organic Pollutants (Amendment) (No.3) Regulations 2025

Further to our scrutiny of this notification, the Committee agreed that it is content for the Scottish Government to give consent to UK Ministers making regulations on its behalf in relation to this SI.

The Committee noted the significant impact of the Persistent Organic Pollutants (POPs) to which this notification relates. While accepting the approach proposed in the notification, it is important that we move towards eliminating these.

We also noted from the notification the intention of the EU to prohibit these POPs 'sometime after autumn 2025'. Can you provide us with further information on the proposed timeline for the UK seeking to bring these POPs within the UK POPs Regulation, and whether this will be similar to the EU's approach?

Yours sincerely,

Edward Mountain MSP
Convener
Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee