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# BACKGROUND

In March 2001 the first report of the UK National Expert Group on Transboundary Air Pollution (NEGTA<sup>P</sup>) was made available in draft for comment. The Institute of Petroleum responded with its suggestions and recommendations in May (Institute of Petroleum, London, 2001, ISBN 0 85293 3401 1); the UK Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA) published a final *NEGTA<sup>P</sup> 2001* report later the same year.

This present study considers the effectiveness of the NEGTA<sup>P</sup> consultation process in terms of the impact achieved by the Institute's comments. It also

reviews NEGTA<sup>P</sup> 2001 against benchmarks of the Group's Terms of Reference, its contribution to the scientific literature and as a basis for policy-making. Each of NEGTA<sup>P</sup>'s chapters is considered individually with the response to IP's detail comments summarised in Appendix 1. Inevitably there is overlap between the content of the Institute's comments and recommendations of May 2001 and this present study if only because the report published by DEFRA is fundamentally the same as the NEGTA<sup>P</sup> draft of March 2001.