

Factsheet 2.10 - Boundaries of an installation

The technical unit consists of the plant or machinery where one or more activities listed in Annex 1 of the IED is undertaken. Machinery includes equipment for monitoring for releases, control rooms, and equipment needed to run the plant and move materials around the Installation. Plant may include static items such as tanks concrete pads and lagoons. The technical unit must include enough plant and machinery to allow the Activity to take place in a controlled manner for a sufficient period of time for the operation to reach its designed or intended output.

Therefore the “technical unit” can be taken to mean something which is functionally self-contained in the sense that the unit – which may consist of one component or a number of components functioning together – can carry out the Annex 1 activity or activities on its own.’

If there are two or more technical units on the same site they will be treated as a single TU if they are technically connected and one of the following criteria is met:

- (a) They carry out successive steps in an integrated activity;
- (b) One of the listed activities is a Directly Associated Activity (DAA) of the other; or
- (c) Both units are served by the same DAA.

Directly associated activities

Directly associated activities are activities are those being carried out in conjunction with the Annex 1 IED activity. DAAs should also be included within the installation. The following 3 criteria must all be met before an activity will be regarded as a DAA of the TU:

- a) The activity must be directly associated with the stationary technical unit;
- b) The activity must have a technical connection with the listed activities carried out in or by the stationary technical unit; and
- c) The activity must be capable of having an effect on emissions.

In addition to meeting criteria (a), (b) and (c) the activity must also take place on the same site as the TU. Two parcels of land do not need to touch physically to form the same site, provided that the parcels are technically connected, so a site would not become two sites merely because two parcels of land were separated by a barrier such as a stream or a road.