Appendix 1

Summary of National Air-quality standards and objectives

Pollutant	Objective (UK)	Averaging period	Date (by which to be achieved by and maintained thereafter)
Nitrogen dioxide – NO ₂	200 μg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 18 times per year	One-hour mean	31 Dec 2005
	40 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 Dec 2005
Particles – PM ₁₀	50 μg m ⁻³ not be exceeded more than 35 times per year	24-hour mean	31 Dec 2004
	40 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	31 Dec 2004
Particles – PM _{2.5}	25 μg m ⁻³	Annual mean	2020
	Target of 15% reduction in concentration at urban background locations	Three-year mean	Between 2010 and 2020
Sulphur dioxide (SO ₂)	266 μg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 35 times per year	Fifteen- minute mean	31 Dec 2005
	350 μg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than 24 times per year	One-hour mean	31 Dec 2004
	125 μg m ⁻³ not to be exceeded more than three times per year	24-hour mean	31 Dec 2004

