Revision of the World Bank Group (WBG)
Environmental, Health and Safety (EHS) Guidelines
for Thermal Power Plants

Summary of Comments Received During the First Consultation

GENERAL

- The majority of comments received are deemed to be relatively minor and predominantly involve amendments to the existing text to update specific values or to provide further clarification on the current guidelines.

ENVIRONMENT

- The revision of Table 4 of the thermal power sector guidelines; the number of comments received relating to the revision of table 4 indicates that this is clearly an aspect of the revision process that many stakeholders are interested in. A key issue raised is whether the table will continue to present ‘typical’ values, or whether the table should be updated to present emission/performance standards for GHGs.
- The inclusion of carbon capture and storage (CCS): Related to the comments received on updates to Table 4, a number of comments have been received requesting the consideration of CCS to be expanded and clarified in the revised guidelines.
- Comments were also received on a number of specific issues, including ash handling, noise impacts, thermal discharges and air quality. The majority of these issues have also been addressed through a range of minor to major revisions to the guidelines.

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING

- Air quality emission limits: Many comments were received on Tables 6A to 6C; the comments ranged from relatively simple observations that the sources/references should be updated to more complex comments requesting reconsideration of the engineering feasibility of achieving certain emission limits.