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Regulation 18(5)9b) of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2017 requires that an ES must be accompanied by a statement outlining the relevant expertise or qualifications those involved in preparing the ES.

The ES which accompanies the applications for planning permission submitted to NELC for a proposed energy from waste plant prepared on behalf of EP SHB Limited together with contributions from other experts on selected topics.

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		<p>activities, on an annual basis, and by making appropriate examples of our work available to the wider EIA community.</p> <p>This ES has been coordinated and reviewed by AECOM's Waste, Minerals and Resources team. The authors have considerable experience in all aspects of EIA. The Waste Mineral and Resources team EIA Co-ordinators are highly competent managers of multi-disciplinary project teams working on large scale complex waste and minerals projects.</p> <p>Specialist topics addressed in this ES have been prepared by competent and experienced experts and reviewed by appropriately qualified discipline leads across the various subjects.</p>