Dutch threshold criteria for assessments

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• In the Dutch integrated approach on nitrogen deposition (PAS) different threshold criteria have been agreed upon.

• Below the threshold no legal approval is obliged for nitrogen deposition.

• Depositions below the threshold are accounted for in the total PAS-administration.
• For individual farms and industrial plants the threshold is 1 mol/ha/year.

• For main road projects there’s a 3 km-boundary.

• For main waterway projects there’s a 5 km-boundary.
• Depositions from Dutch projects on foreign Natura 2000-areas are interpreted according to the laws of that country.

• The German approach is being followed in the Netherlands with interest. We make sure that we stay informed.