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New on NetRegs



NEW Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP)

GPP 4: Treatment and disposal of wastewater where there is no connection to the public foul sewer

This guide is aimed at developers and owners of property - either domestic property or non domestic property generating domestic-like wastewater - that is not connected to the public foul sewer. It will help you if you are:

- buying a property or site that has or might have a private wastewater treatment system, or
- planning to replace or upgrade your existing private wastewater treatment system, or
- starting to plan for the wastewater treatment needs of a new development.

It explains what to have in mind when choosing a wastewater treatment system for your site, who to contact and your legal obligations.

For owners of existing wastewater treatment systems, it explains what your operation and maintenance obligations are.

Download the NEW GPP here:

[GPP 4: Treatment and disposal of wastewater where there is no connection to the public foul sewer](#)

You can also view the [full list of GPPs on the NetRegs website](#).

Fantastic FREE opportunity for farmers!

We are currently looking for a farmer or someone involved in agriculture to feature in a new written case study for our website. This is a great chance for you to gain free recognition for good environmental practice in the agriculture sector or to showcase your business.

If you are interested, please get in touch with us on [Facebook](#) or via email: netregs@sepa.org.uk

Take a look at our [Case Studies and Videos](#) page for other examples of good practice.

New Legislation



Waste Management Licensing (Amendment) (Regulations) (Northern Ireland) 2017/202

These regulations amend schedule 6 to the Waste Management Licensing Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2003 (the 2003 Regulations) in order to clarify and update the list of prescribed offences. To assist understanding of the offences contained in the 2003 regulations, specific paragraphs and sub-paragraphs that contain the offences within the provision have been identified. Also, outdated offences have been removed and further offences added to help maintain a relevant list.

The Regulations come into force on 01 November 2017.

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Waste Management Licensing \(Amendment\) \(Regulations\) \(Northern Ireland\)](#)

The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

These Regulations aim to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption by ensuring that the water meets water quality standards within the public water supply and revoke and replace the 2007 regulations (as amended)

The Regulations came into force on 27 October 2017.

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[The Water Supply \(Water Quality\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017](#)

Private Water Supplies Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2017

These Regulations aim to protect human health from the adverse effects of any contamination of water intended for human consumption from private supplies by ensuring that the water meets quality standards. They revoke and replace the 2009 Regulations (as amended).

The Regulations came into force on 27th October 2017

You can read the Regulations in full here:

[Private Water Supplies Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2017](#)

Consultations



UK Consultation on proposed amendments to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013

This consultation proposes possible changes to the 2013 WEEE Regulations and seeks views from stakeholders that will be used to inform a Post Implementation Review of the regulations that is due to be completed by January 2019.

Responses to this consultation are requested in three parts:

1. Proposals for the implementation of the WEEE Directive requirements to introduce "Open Scope" in which all items of EEE would in future fall within the product scope of the regulations unless subject to a specific exemption or exclusion.
2. Other proposed regulatory amends in relation to: Producer Compliance Scheme (PCS) obligations to collect WEEE from local authorities under regulation 34; and the allocation of producer fees between the UK Agencies.
3. Stakeholder views on the extent to which the 2013 WEEE Regulations have delivered the government's policy objectives to improve the environment at a proportionate cost to business ahead of the Post Implementation Review due to be published in 2018.

The consultation closes on 08 December 2017.

More information is available on the NetRegs website:

[UK Consultation on proposed amendments to the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013](#)

Consultation – Revised Requirements for Radiological Protection

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published a consultation as part of a UK-wide consultation which sets out proposals for the transposition of the 2013 Euratom Basic Safety Standards Directive (2013 BSSD) in relation to public radiation exposures.

The 2013 BSSD lays down safety standards for protecting against the dangers arising from exposure to ionising radiation. The Department is seeking views on the proposals for implementing the requirements of the Directive in relation to:

- Planned public exposure situations, in relation to authorised activities involving radioactive substances, for example for power generation or healthcare;
- Existing public exposure situations, including the management of legacy radioactive contaminated land and exposure to naturally occurring radon gas in homes; and
- The justification practices involving ionising radiation, which releases the process for determining whether the benefits of a practice justify the potential detriment.

The proposals will be of particular interest to a wide range of commercial and public sector organisations, including hospitals, universities, the nuclear industry and other industries that work with radioactive substances or which generate or manage waste.

The consultation closes on 15 November 2017.

You can read more on the consultation here:

[Consultation – Revised Requirements for Radiological Protection](#)

Consultation on the proposed Control of Mercury (Enforcement) Regulations 2017

This consultation seeks views on the government's proposed approach to implementing the requirements of EU Regulation on Mercury, which will be contained within the Control of Mercury (Enforcement) Regulations 2017. It is also proposed that the UK regulations should set out arrangements for the enforcement of the requirement for an amalgam separator as this has been identified as a risk to the environment and public health but not a risk to individual dental patient safety.

The consultation closes on 21 November 2017.

You can read more and view consultation documents from the NetRegs website:

[NetRegs - Consultation on the proposed Control of Mercury \(Enforcement\) Regulations 2017](#)

Updates

Guidance: Ban of the use of Plant Protection Products (PPPs) on Nitrogen Fixing Crops and Fallow Land declared as Ecological Focus Area in scheme year 2018.

The European Union has introduced a ban on the use of PPPs on nitrogen fixing crops and fallow land declared as EFA with effect from the 2018 scheme year.

Read the DAERA guidance here:

[Ban of the use of Plant Protection Products \(PPPs\) on Nitrogen Fixing Crops and Fallow Land declared as Ecological Focus Area in scheme year 2018.](#)



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