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### New on NetRegs

**NEW**

**NIEA** Northern Ireland Environment Agency

**SEPA** Scottish Environment Protection Agency

**Cyfoeth Naturiol Cymru** Natural Resources Wales

# On NetRegs

GPP & Safe storage and disposal of

**NEW GPPs available on NetRegs**

Our Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPP) documents provide regulatory guidance on specific activities/sectors. We have recently reviewed and updated the following GPP:

GPP20 Dewatering underground ducts and chambers.

Other GPPs available:

- GPP 2: Above ground oil storage tanks  
For above ground oil storage, excluding oil refineries and distribution depots.
- GPP 4: Treatment and disposal of wastewater where there is no connection to the public foul sewer  
For selecting the correct sewage disposal, treatment and disposal options, and maintenance and legal requirements. Also, for what to have in mind, in terms of wastewater treatment, when buying a house.
- GPP 5: Works and maintenance in or near water  
For construction or maintenance works near, in, or over water.
- GPP 8: Safe storage and disposal of used oils  
For storing and disposing of used oils. Applies to activities ranging from a single engine oil change to those of large industrial users.
- GPP 13 Vehicle washing and cleaning.  
For washing and cleaning any vehicle using automatic wash systems, high pressure or steam cleaners and washing by hand.
- GPP 19: Vehicles: Service and Repair  
For work in garages and vehicle service centres.
- GPP 21: Pollution incident response planning  
For producing emergency pollution incident response plans to deal with accidents, spillages and fires.
- GPP 24: Stables, kennels, catteries.  
For managing and operating stables, kennels and catteries.

## New Legislation



### **The Aerosol Dispensers (Amendment) Regulations 2018**

These Regulations amend the Aerosol Dispensers Regulations 2009. The amendments update existing safety requirements by increasing the maximum allowable pressure of certain aerosol dispensers. They also align the labelling requirements for aerosol dispensers to with the provisions in the EU Regulation on Classification, Labelling and Packaging (Regulation (EC) No 1272/2008).

The Regulations come into force on 12 February 2018

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:  
[The Aerosol Dispensers \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#)

## Consultations



### **Proposed Nitrates Action Programme (Amendment) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2018**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs is currently consulting on proposed amendments to the Nitrates Action Programme Regulations (NI) 2014 which will come into operation on 1 March 2018. The proposed amendments reflect the new values for the Nitrogen and Phosphorus contents of poultry litter as a result of further research which was carried out.

Table 1c of Schedule 1 values have been updated except for fattening ducks, it now also includes livestock types, categorised by age range for Broilers and Turkeys as well as including some additional categories.

Table 2 of Schedule 1 values have been updated for Pig slurries, Poultry manures, Farmyard manures (for goats and horses), also separated pig slurry (solid portion) under miscellaneous manures. It also replaces the livestock types, so that they are now categorised by age range for Boilers and Turkeys under Poultry manures, as well as including some additional categories.

The consultation closes on 31 January 2018.

You can read the Draft Nitrates Action Programme (Amendment) Regulations (NI) 2018 here  
<https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/consultations/proposed-nitrates-action-programme-amendment-regulations-ni-2018>

## Updates

### **DAERA announces changes to CAP Area Based Schemes for 2018**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs (DAERA) has announced changes to Common Agricultural Policy (CAP) area based schemes for 2018.

These changes are as a result of amendments agreed in Brussels to EU regulations in December 2017.



Read more here:

[DAERA News: changes to CAP Area Based Schemes for 2018](#)

## **Nitrates Action Programme (NAP) – Activity Calendar**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published this useful calendar of information which summarises the activity and date that you need to take action by to ensure compliance with the Nitrates Action Programme (NAP). NAP aims to protect water quality by protecting our rivers, lakes and groundwater from nutrient pollution coming from agricultural sources.

NAP- Activity Calendar <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/nitrates-action-programme-nap-activity-calendar>

## **Nitrates Derogation – Five Questions to consider**

The Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs has published guidance on when an intensive grassland farmer should apply for the Nitrates Derogation. It includes the main requirements of the derogation and the other options available.

You can apply for a derogation online from 1 January 2018 until 1 March 2018.

For further details see <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/nitrates-derogation-five-questions-you-need-consider>

## **NIEA Surface water abstraction – Monitoring plan guidance**

The Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) monitors and controls abstraction and impoundment of water in Northern Ireland under the Water Abstraction and Impoundment (Licensing) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2006.

All operators who have applied for a licence to abstract from surface water under the regulations are required to produce a monitoring plan at least 2 months prior to commencement of the operation.

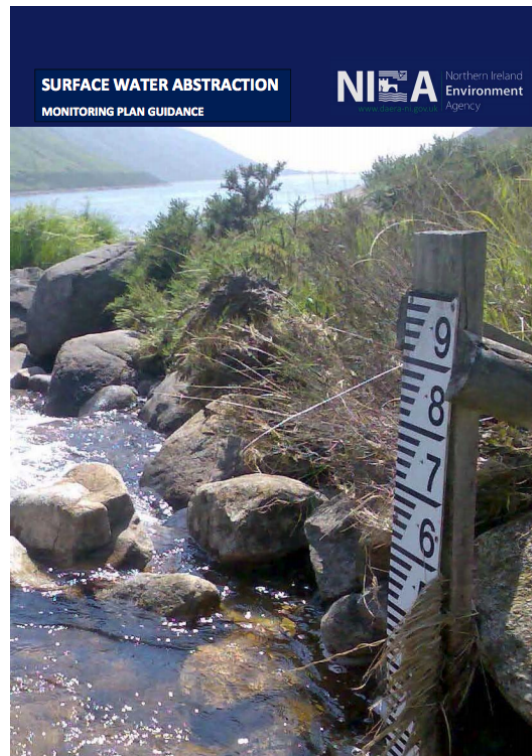
The purpose of this document is to provide



guidance to operators who have been granted a licence to abstract surface water on:

- Why monitoring of surface water abstractions is required,
- what is required in a monitoring plan, and
- flow monitoring returns required by NIEA.

You can view the guidance document here: [Surface water abstraction – Monitoring plan guidance](#)



## Events



### **CIRIA Asbestos related training**

This year CIRIA is continuing its training programme for site operatives and ground workers who deal with asbestos from soil on site and non-licensed work:

#### **How to deal with asbestos from soil on site (awareness training)**

**When:** 20 June, Belfast

##### **Who should attend**

Contractors, consultants, ground workers and regulators.

##### **Fees**

FREE for LACL and BRMF members

#### **Training for non-licensed work for asbestos in the ground**

**When:** 21 June, Belfast

##### **Who should attend**

Ground workers (including those doing general site work, site investigation for contaminated land and ground investigation), contractors including specialist contractors and consultants.

**Course requirement for this training:**

£250+VAT for non-members

You can find more details and [register here](#).

Delegates signing up for this course [must provide](#) a certificate from UKATA or other similar organisations that they have received asbestos awareness raising training in the past 6 months.

**Fees**

FREE for LACL and BRMF members

£250+VAT for non-members

You can find more details and [register here](#).

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