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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

Video Case Studies on NetRegs

NetRegs have produced a number of case studies and videos demonstrating environmental good practice, including interviews with award winning businesses and organisations. In many cases, these videos describe the benefits they have experienced as a result of going beyond compliance.

Our most popular videos include:

[How to Manage Waste on a Construction Site](#)

[Good Environmental Practice on a Construction Site](#)

[How to Manage Traffic on a Construction Site.](#)

[Good Environmental Practice in an Office](#)

[Antrim Castle Gardens](#)

[How to Prevent Diffuse Pollution on a Farm](#)

To view the entire collection of video clips visit the [videos and case studies](#) page on the NetRegs website.

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 Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2018

These Regulations amend the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment Regulations 2013 (S.I.2013/3113) in order to:

- clarify the rights of local authorities under regulation 34 in relation to the collection, treatment, recovery and disposal of WEEE deposited at designated collection facilities.
- re-insert regulation 35(1)(b), which was omitted in error by the Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment (Amendment) Regulations 2015 (S.I.2105/1968) and consequently puts the UK in breach of a requirement in the WEEE Directive in relation to data collection and reporting. This new reporting requirement relates to the amount of WEEE sent for treatment or for reuse outside of the United Kingdom.

The Regulations come into force on 5 March 2018.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Waste Electrical and Electronic Equipment \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#)

The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases (Amendment) Regulations 2018

The instrument amends the Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases Regulations 2015 No. 310 in order to:

- provide for the enforcement of five new EU Commission Implementing Regulations which were introduced to support the main EU F gas Regulation.
- introduce civil penalties for infringements of the EU Regulation from April 2018.
- enable HMRC to share F-gas imports data with the relevant regulators in order to improve enforcement of F-gas quota limits
- provide power for the Secretary of State to appoint the bodies which undertake certification, evaluation and attestation of F-gas handlers. Further miscellaneous amendments are made to update names and definitions and to make clarifications.

The Regulations came into force on 22 February 2018.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Fluorinated Greenhouse Gases \(Amendment\) Regulations 2018](#)

Updates

Dealing with upland landslides in the Sperrins

A meeting was held on Thursday 22nd February in Cranagh Hall, Glenelly, for hill farmers with land that was directly damaged by the landslides in the Sperrins in August 2017. At the meeting Dr Alan Dykes, a specialist on landslides from Kingston University outlined his findings on the causes of the landslides, the likelihood of further landslides and the management of the affected hillsides going forward.



A bulletin summarising this information was available at the meeting and can be accessed here: <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/extreme-flooding-event-2223-august-2017-technical-bulletins>

CAFRE Nutrient Calculators – Helping Farmers work out the answers!

The College of Agriculture, Food and Rural Enterprise has published nutrient calculators which can help you answer some important questions about your farm business with regard to compliance with the Nitrates Action Programme (NAP).

The five calculators will not just help you comply with NAP nutrient limits, but they can also help:

- Make complex calculation and record keeping easier,
- Improve soil fertility and crop yields,
- Make potential savings on chemical fertiliser and
- Improve water quality

You can find out further information and register with the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Rural Affairs to start using the calculators here <https://www.daera-ni.gov.uk/news/cafre-nutrient-calculators-helping-you-work-out-answers>



Dream Deal Agreed with Local Mattress Recycler and NIEA

The seventh Prosperity Agreement has been signed by the Northern Ireland Environment Agency and Ulster Supported Employment Ltd (Usel).

This agreement will see Belfast-based Usel work with NIEA to expand their recycling facilities and help protect the environment. The new deal will result in the recycling of more mattresses, carpets and furniture and divert them away from landfill.

David Small, Head of NIEA said "Each agreement embodies a commitment to a sustainable future for both the business and the our environment. We want to work with progressive organisations like Usel who are committed to local communities and to creating prosperity and well-being in practical and sustainable ways."

You can find out more about this latest Prosperity Agreement and the Prosperity Agreement Programme from the links below.

[Dream deal agreed with mattress recycler and NIEA](#)

[Northern Ireland Environment Agency \(NIEA\) - Ulster Supported Employment Ltd \(Usel\) Prosperity Agreement](#)

[NIEA - Prosperity Agreements](#)

Fairtrade fortnight: 26 February - 11 March 2018

Fairtrade Fortnight takes place between 26 February and 11 March 2018 and is an action-packed highlight of the year, when campaigners, businesses, schools and places of worship show their support for the farmers and workers who grow our food in developing countries.

This year's theme is 'Come on in to Fairtrade', offering people the chance to see into the lives of Fairtrade farmers and workers.



For more information and to get involved visit the [Fairtrade website](#).

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
£250+VAT for non-members

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

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:

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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