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### **New on NetRegs**

## NetRegs new and improved mobile app

Do you work in the construction, forestry or agriculture sector and want to check if your activities are compliant with environmental regulations? The NetRegs mobile app makes it easy for businesses to access 'must know' information on environmental regulations when away from a computer.

New updates include:

- Ability to add free text observations/comments to checklist questions.
- Improved search functionality.
- Date and site name stamp to reports.
- Improved share functionality.

For details on how to download the app visit the [NetRegs website](#).

***(Please note: existing users of the app will be required to remove the original version of the app from their device and re-download.)***

## NetRegs good practice videos for construction

Have you seen our good practice video clips for businesses operating in the construction industry?

Learn how to manage waste, water, oil, traffic and much more. Check out the videos below, or visit the NEW [video case studies page on the NetRegs website](#).

### Construction related video clips

[How to manage waste on a construction site](#)

[How to manage water on a construction site](#)

[How to manage oil on site](#)

[How to manage traffic on a construction site](#)

## NEW Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs) formerly known as Pollution Prevention Guidelines (PPGs)

The NEW series of **Guidance for Pollution Prevention (GPPs)** is available now. The GPPs provide environmental good practice guidance for the whole U.K, and environmental regulatory guidance directly to Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales.

To date we have released the following GPPs:

- [GPP 2: Above ground oil storage tanks](#)  
For above ground oil storage, excluding oil refineries and distribution depots. (January 2017)
- [GPP 5: Works and maintenance in or near water](#)  
For construction or maintenance works near, in, or over water. (January 2017)
- [GPP 24: Stables, kennels, catteries](#)  
For managing and operating stables, kennels and catteries. (January 2017)

We will be adding more GPPs to the series over the coming months, so keep an eye on the [GPP Pages on the NetRegs website](#).

## New Legislation



## **The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

The regulations update and replace the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2011, in order to implement paragraphs (1) to (15) of Directive 2014/52/EU. The regulations integrate Environmental Impact Assessment procedures into the Scottish planning system. New provisions seek to define, clarify and expand upon aspects of the assessment process, on the basis of minimal additional regulatory burden, whilst ensuring protecting of the environment.

The regulations come into force on 16 May 2017.

View the full text of the regulations here:

[The Town and Country Planning \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)

## **The Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

Replaces the Marine Works (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2007, in order to transpose the Directive 2014/52/EU. The regulations integrate environmental considerations into the preparation of projects in the Scottish Marine Area. New provisions seek to define, clarify and expand upon aspects of the assessment process, on the basis of minimal additional regulatory burden, whilst ensuring protecting of the environment.

The regulations come into force on 16 May 2017.

View the full text of the regulations here:

[The Marine Works \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)

## **The Agriculture, Land Drainage and Irrigation Projects (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

The regulations update and replace The Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (Scotland) Regulations 2006 and Part IV of the Environmental Impact Assessment (Scotland) Regulations 1999, in order to implement paragraphs (1) to (15) of Directive 2014/52/EU. The regulations integrate environmental considerations into the preparation of projects in relation to agriculture, land drainage and irrigation. New provisions seek to define, clarify and expand upon aspects of the assessment process, on the basis of minimal additional regulatory burden, whilst ensuring protecting of the environment.

The regulations come into force on 16 May 2017.

View the full text of the regulations here:

[The Agriculture, Land Drainage and Irrigation Projects \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)

## **The Forestry (Environmental Impact Assessment) (Scotland) Regulations 2017**

The purpose of the regulations is to consolidate, with amendments to, the Environmental Impact Assessment (Forestry) (Scotland) Regulations 1999 in order to transpose paragraphs (1) to (15) of Directive 2014/52/EU. The regulations integrate environmental considerations into the preparation of projects in Scottish forestry. New provisions seek to define, clarify and expand upon aspects of the assessment process, on the basis of minimal additional regulatory burden, whilst ensuring protecting of the environment.

The regulations come into force on 16 May 2017.

View the full text of the regulations here:

[The Forestry \(Environmental Impact Assessment\) \(Scotland\) Regulations 2017](#)

## **Consultations**



### **Energy efficiency and condition standards in private rented housing: A Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme Consultation**

The Scottish Government has designated energy efficiency as a National Infrastructure Priority, the cornerstone of which will be Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP). This 15 to 20 year programme will improve the energy efficiency of our homes and buildings, supporting our efforts to reduce climate change emissions and tackle fuel poverty.

This consultation asks for views on proposals to improve the energy efficiency and condition standards in privately rented housing in Scotland.

The consultation runs until 30 June 2017.

You can view the consultation documents here:

[Energy efficiency and condition standards in private rented housing: A Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme Consultation](#)

## Consultation on a Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland

The draft Energy Strategy sets out the Scottish Government's vision for the future energy system in Scotland, for the period to 2050. It describes the priorities for an integrated system-wide approach that considers both the use and the supply of energy for heat, power and transport.

The consultation runs until 30 May 2017.

You can view the consultation documents here: [Consultation on a Scottish Energy Strategy: The future of energy in Scotland](#)

## Consultation on a Draft Onshore Wind Policy Statement

Onshore wind development is essential to Scotland's transformation to a fully decarbonised energy system by 2050.

This statement reaffirms existing Scottish Government's onshore wind policy set out in previous publications and seeks views on a number of issues related to supporting the sector.

The consultation runs until 30 May 2017.

You can view the consultation documents here: [Consultation on a Draft Onshore Wind Policy Statement](#)

## Consultation on Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme

Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme (SEEP) commits the Government to investing more than half a billion pounds to SEEP over the next four years. The Scottish Government are seeking views on the proposed options for programme and policy design.

The consultation runs until 30 May 2017

You can view the consultation documents here:

[Consultation on Scotland's Energy Efficiency Programme](#)

## Talking "Fracking": A Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas

The future of unconventional oil and gas in Scotland has proven both complex and controversial, and deeply held, sincere views have emerged on all sides of the debate.

This consultation provides an opportunity for you to consider the evidence, and to present views on that evidence and the future of this industry in Scotland

The consultation runs until 31 May 2017

You can view the consultation documents here: [Talking "Fracking": A Consultation on Unconventional Oil and Gas](#)

## Updates

### SEPA Charges: Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme

SEPA will increase charges under the [Environmental Regulation \(Scotland\) Charging Scheme](#) by RPI at a rate of 2% for the financial year 2017-2018. SEPA have a list of the [new fees](#) for the 2017-2018 year.



You can read more about the Environmental Regulation (Scotland) Charging Scheme on the [SEPA website](#).

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## The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS): The Circular Economy: A review of definitions, processes and impacts



CEPS Research Reports provide in-depth analyses of a wide range of key policy questions facing Europe, drawing on state-of-the-art research methodologies and the latest literature.

This paper aims to improve understanding of the circular economy concept as well as its various dimensions and expected impacts.

Download the report here:

[The Centre for European Policy Studies \(CEPS\): The Circular Economy: A review of definitions, processes and impacts](#)

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## Climate-KIC Accelerator at ECCI – new deadline Thu 27 April



The Climate-KIC Accelerator at the Edinburgh Centre for Carbon Innovation (ECCI), with up to €10,000 and dedicated business support up for grabs, now has an extended deadline of THURSDAY 27 APRIL 2017.

If you have a low carbon business idea and the ambition to make it happen, apply now > <http://edinburghcentre.org/climate-kic.html>

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## Free posters, thermometers, stickers and more

**Motivate your staff to be resource efficient**

This free pack includes an eye-catching range of professionally designed materials that will help you quickly motivate staff to use less energy, save water and recycle better.



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Resource Efficient Scotland website, while stocks last.

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## VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards - Applications Open

The awards recognise and reward companies employing environmental best practice in their daily activity to cut down on resource use, increase sustainability, improve reputation, enhance competitiveness, support wider sustainable developments and benefit their company's bottom-line.

Over the past month the VIBES team have held a number of launch events accross Scotland. Over the next few days the team will be visiting the following locations:

- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017: 11am-1pm – **Fort William** with Lochaber Chamber of Commerce (The Lime Tree, The Old Manse, Achintore Road, Fort William, PH33 6RQ)
- 27<sup>th</sup> April 2017: 4-6pm – **Inverness** at Highlands and Islands Enterprise (An Lochran, Inverness Campus, Inverness IV2 5NB)
- 4<sup>th</sup> May 2017: 4-6pm – **Aberdeen** at Scarf (1 Cotton Street Aberdeen, AB11 5EE)

To book your place contact [vibes@sepa.org.uk](mailto:vibes@sepa.org.uk)

Or register through Eventbrite [www.vibesawards.eventbrite.co.uk](http://www.vibesawards.eventbrite.co.uk)

## Events



### Scotland Works | SEC Glasgow | 3rd & 4th May

Come and visit us at the Scotland Works exhibition at the SEC in Glasgow on Wednesday 3 May and Thursday 4 May 2017. **NetRegs will be at stand no. HS134.**

Scotland Works comprises of six events, all delivering a combination of first-class educational content and market leading suppliers. The six events include:

- **Health & Safety Scotland** – Scotland's only dedicated event for Health & Safety professionals.
- **Fire Safety Scotland** – Supporting the fire safety industry and wider community in Scotland.
- **Maintenance Scotland** – Committed to driving the highest standards in industrial maintenance

and asset management.

- **Facilities Scotland** – Scotland's only independent event for the Facilities & Estates Management Industries.
- **Cleaning Scotland** – Scotland's premier event for cleaning and hygiene service professionals.
- **Safer Logistics** – Providing logistics professionals with the tools and guidance to tackle safety hot spots.

For more details visit the [Scotland Works website](#).

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