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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 publicity 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



The Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Amendment (No. 2) Regulations 2017

These Regulations amend the Common Agricultural Policy (Direct Payments etc.) (Scotland) Regulations 2015. The amendments extend the application window for applications for support under voluntary coupled support for ovine animals, for this calendar year. Regulation 2 amends the principal Regulations so that, in respect of calendar year 2017, the final date for submitting an application is 30 November. For all other calendar years the final date for submitting an application remains 16 October.

The Regulations came into force on 09 October 2017

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Common Agricultural Policy \(Direct Payments etc.\) \(Scotland\) Amendment \(No. 2\) Regulations 2017](#)

Consultations



New consultations invite you to get involved in shaping 21st century Scottish environment regulations

Everyone with an interest in Scotland's environment, health & wellbeing, and economy is being encouraged to take part in important consultations that will shape the future of environmental regulation. The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) and the Scottish Government have published consultation documents for the next stages of the journey to an integrated authorisation framework - designed to bring real benefits to the environment, communities, businesses, and SEPA itself. The consultation is in two parts:

- A consultation on the [draft Environmental Authorisations \(Scotland\) Regulations 2018](#) - Closing 23 November 2017
- A [consultation on the supporting guidance](#) - Closing 22 December 2017.

Read more about the [Integrated Authorisation Framework Consultations](#) on the NetRegs website.

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](#)

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 for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy 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](#)

Scottish Government Consultation: Improving the Protection of Wild Mammals in Scotland

Consultation on potential improvements to the Protection of Wild Mammals (Scotland) Act 2002 following review by the Rt Hon Lord Bonomy.

The consultation closes on 31 January 2018.

You can view the consultation documents here:

[Scottish Government Consultation: Improving the Protection of Wild Mammals in Scotland](#)
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Streamlined energy and carbon reporting consultation

This consultation seeks views on the UK government's proposals for Streamlined Energy and Carbon Reporting within the Companies Act 2006 business reporting framework.

This consultation is asking for views on:

- mandatory annual reporting and disclosure of energy and carbon information through Company Accounts
- who these requirements should apply to
- reporting of cost-effective energy efficiency opportunities, such as those identified through ESOS audits, and action taken on these
- complementary disclosures
- electronic reporting

The consultation closes on 04 January 2018.

You can view the consultation documents here:

[Streamlined energy and carbon reporting](#)

RoHS exemptions consultation: Stakeholder consultation on three exemption requests from the substance restrictions in electrical and electronic equipment (RoHS Directive)

This stakeholder consultation covers three exemption requests:

1. **Request 2017-1** "Lead in solder used to make electrical connections to vacuum boards used in Mass Spectrometers. Boards designed to be used periodically under low pressure. 5 years"
2. **Request 2017-2** "Use of lead in welds for soldering of certain printed circuit board assemblies in gas detectors."
3. **Annex III, 1(g)** "Mercury in single – capped (compact) fluorescent lamps for general lighting purposes < 30 W with a lifetime equal or above 20 000 h: 3,5 mg. 5 years (Max)"

The consultation closes on 07 November 2017.

You can view the consultation document here:

[RoHS exemptions consultation](#)

Updates

SEPA Updates: SEPA calls on businesses to take action on recycling or face the penalties

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA) is calling on businesses across Scotland to meet their duty to recycle now or they could potentially receive a £300 Fixed Monetary Penalty (FMP).



You can learn more about your [duty of care for waste on the NetRegs website](#)

Position statement on the storage of scrap metal under a paragraph 45 exemption (ELVs).

Extended to cover ferrous and non-ferrous metals from other sources such as offshore decommissioning or industrial pipework.

[Position statement on the storage of scrap metal under a paragraph 45 exemption \(ELVs\).](#)

Free workshops will help staff save money and be greener

You could help your staff save an average of £460 a year - as well as do their bit for the environment - with these free, interactive

workshops.

Energy Saving Trust and Home Energy Scotland - in partnership with Zero Waste Scotland - are delivering workplace-based workshops to help employees understand how best to reduce food waste at home.

The Love Food Hate Waste workshops motivate and engage your workforce – and help them save money too. They'll also empower staff to reduce food waste at work as they become more attuned to sustainable behaviour.

The Scottish Government-funded courses are free, and tailored to fit in with your organisation's needs; they're run at a venue, time and length that suit you and your staff.

To find out more or to book a workshop, get in touch with Energy Saving Trust's Employee Engagement team - email <mailto:EmployeeEngagement@est.org.uk>

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Advanced Timber Products Innovation Challenge

The Forestry Commission Scotland (FCS) and the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre (CSIC) are jointly offering support to companies who have an ambition to design and develop innovative wood-based products and systems for the construction sector.

Please get in touch with the Construction Scotland Innovation Centre by emailing Helge Hansen hhansen@cs-ic.org to get more information including the application pack for the Advanced Timber Products Innovation Challenge.



Funding



New Innovation Fund to meet environmental ambitions

£60 million will be made available by the Scottish Government to accelerate innovation in new technologies, including low carbon and digital projects by 2020.

The Innovation Fund, announced in Programme for Government, will support the development of low carbon energy infrastructure, such as electricity battery storage, sustainable heating systems and electric vehicle charging.

For more details visit the [Scottish Government website](#).

Resource Efficient Scotland - Funding for your capital projects

Scottish Government loans of up to £100,000

From choosing your resource efficiency project, to filling out the forms, to paying it back in a timeframe that suits you, Resource efficient Scotland can help.

For more details visit:
[SME Loan](#)

Waste Prevention Implementation Fund

Designed to help you introduce measures to tackle waste at source, Resource Efficient Scotland can advise and support applications for up to £100,000.

For more details visit:
[Waste prevention fund](#)

Events



6th European Environmental Evaluators Network Forum: Evaluating Innovation in Environmental Protection and Sustainability

When: Thursday 23 and Friday 24 November 2017
Where: The Royal Society of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, UK
Hosted by: Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA)

The 6th European Environmental Evaluators Network Forum (2017 EEEN Forum) will bring together practitioners, academics, policy-makers and other users of environmental evaluation to share views, knowledge and experiences about the use, relevance and future priorities for climate and environment

policy evaluation.

For more details including details on how to attend the event visit the 2017 [EEEN Forum website](#).

Funding:

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