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New 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](#)

The Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018

The Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2018 amend the Conservation of Salmon (Scotland) Regulations 2016 ('the 2016 Regulations') which make provision for the conservation of salmon in Scotland.

The Regulations correct minor typographical errors and aim to provide greater clarity and consistency within the Regulations.

The Regulations come into force on 01 April 2018.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Conservation of Salmon \(Scotland\) Amendment Regulations 2018](#)

The Merchant Shipping (Prevention of Pollution from Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) Regulations 2018

These Regulations implement Annex II (Regulations for the Control of Pollution by Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk) of MARPOL 73/78 (as revised), an International Convention made by the International Maritime Organization (IMO) for the prevention of pollution from ships.

The Regulations come into force on 12 March 2018.

You can view the full text of the Regulations here:

[The Merchant Shipping \(Prevention of Pollution from Noxious Liquid Substances in Bulk\) Regulations 2018](#)

Consultations

CONSULTATION

A Consultation on the Beavers in Scotland Strategic Environmental Assessment Environmental Report

This is a consultation about the policy to reintroduce beavers to Scotland and whether the appropriate mitigation measures have been identified. Views are also being sought on a Strategic Environmental Assessment that has been undertaken of this policy of reintroduction.

The closing date for responses is 06 March 2018

You can [view the full consultation paper here](#)

Updates

CECA Publish Free Construction Waste Guidance

The Civil Engineering Contractors Association (CECA) have published new guidance on waste in the construction industry, free to all companies working in the sector.

Waste Classification & Permitting in Construction – Guidance For The Construction Industry On The Waste Permitting Regime has been made freely available online.

The guide has been produced by the CECA Environment Group, with input from the Environment Agency, Natural Resources Wales, and the Scottish Environment Protection Agency.

You can download the guidance here:

[Waste Classification & Permitting in Construction](#)



SEPA CAR Practical Guide update

The CAR Practical Guide has been updated to [version 8](#). The main changes are as follows:

Pollution control regime

- Oil Storage now covered by new GBRs 26, 27 and 28



- Sites where there is an onward distribution of oil – new Licence requirement for those not able to comply with GBR28
- Application of pesticide – revised GBR23 and new Registration and Licence
- Construction site SUDS – revised GBR10 and new Licence
- Direct discharge into groundwater of grout containing blaes for the purpose of construction or maintenance works – new Registration

Engineering regime

- Operating vehicles in or near a surface water or wetland – revision to GBR9 – the Registration for this activity has been removed
- Bank protection using trees – new GBR25 – Registration has been removed

Celebrating successful SuDS | #SuDSAwards

Have you delivered a great SuDS scheme, or do you know a SuDS Champion who deserves recognition? Why not enter the 2018 susdrain SuDS Awards? The Awards invite leaders from across the construction industry to showcase outstanding and innovative SuDS schemes, with a focus on projects that deliver multiple benefits and people who go above and beyond.

With the submission deadline – Friday 30 March 2018 – fast approaching, what are you waiting for? [Find out more and enter today.](#)



Calling all tourism and hospitality businesses

Take advantage of this great opportunity from Green Tourism and give yourself the edge over your competitors. Check out the Green Tourism free Green Check. It's a new streamlined process that means you're on your way to a Green Tourism award after a simple 30 minute phone call.

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Find out more here:
[Green Tourism 30 minute green check](#)



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](#).

Funding



Eliminate unnecessary costs with 30% cashback on energy efficiency improvements

For a limited time only, eligible small businesses applying for the interest-free, unsecured Scottish Government SME Loan can receive 30% cashback.

That's up to £10,000 in cashback on completion of their energy efficiency improvements. These include, but are not limited to:

- investing in LED lighting
- installing more efficient heating systems
- improving the insulation of a building or investing in more energy efficient
- equipment, such as a state of the art oven or a more efficient refrigeration unit

To find out more about the SME Loan 30% Cashback incentive, call us on 0808 808 2268, or visit the [RES website](#)

Events

Business Opportunities Through Environmental Improvement

Part of the FTSE 250 Pennon Group, Viridor is Scotland's leading recycling, renewable energy and sustainable waste partner. Working with 96% of Scottish Local Authorities, public bodies and Scotland's leading businesses. Viridor operates £100m Scottish network of advanced recycling infrastructure and is investing a further £500m to translate Scottish zero waste policy into practice.

The Clyde Valley Project is an innovative partnership where five local authorities have come together, East Renfrewshire, East Dunbartonshire, North Ayrshire, North Lanarkshire and Renfrewshire, to find a solution for their residual waste. Viridor are building infrastructure to manage 190,000 tonnes of waste that would have gone to landfill.

The project will deliver a broad range of opportunities for small business and social enterprises including a commitment to support a programme of capacity building workshops. See details below:

FREE Capacity Building Workshop for Clyde Valley Based SME's and SEO's

Where: Viridor Pioneer House | 2 Renshaw Place | Eurocentral | ML1 4UF

When: Monday 19th March 2018 | 10:00 – 12:00

To Register:

transformingwasteinclyde@Viridor.co.uk

FREE Capacity Building Workshop for Clyde Valley Based SME's and SEO's

Where: Saltcoats Town Hall |17-21 Countess Street | North Ayrshire | KA21 5H

When: Tuesday 17th April 2018 | 11:00 – 1:00

To Register:

transformingwasteinclyde@Viridor.co.uk

How to get a competitive edge through good environmental practices

VIBES – Scottish Environment Business Awards are holding 9 free information events all across Scotland so you can learn all about good environmental practices, support available and their application process. The 2018 categories are:

- -Innovation
- -Management (250+ employees and <250 employees)
- -Environmental Product or Service
- -Hydro Nation Water Innovation
- -Sustainable and Active Travel
- -Circular Economy
- -Green Team
- -Best Micro Business

Register: www.vibesawards.eventbrite.co.uk . To find out more, visit www.vibes.org.uk or email us.

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