

# The Environment Agency

- A Regulator for the Environment
- The Government's Advisor on Flood Risk
- The Champion for Sustainable Development

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# Environment Agency Permissions

- There are at least 18 permissions or consents that the EA issue to protect our environment.
- We are either a bureaucratic busy body or a lifesaver it all depends on your view point.
- But we are not your conscience, we all have a duty to look after our environment

1. Fisheries Byelaw Consent
2. Flood Defence Consent
3. Consignment Note
4. Hazardous Waste Premises Notification
5. Herbicide Authorisation
6. Mobile Plant Waste Management Licence
7. Navigation Licence
8. Pollution Prevention and Control Permit
9. Prescribed Processes Authorisation
10. Radioactive Substances, Registration and Authorisations
11. Section 30 Fish Movement Licence
12. Waste Carrier Registration
13. Waste Management Licence
14. Waste Management Licensing Exemptions
15. Water Abstraction Licence
16. Water Quality Discharge Consent
17. Section 32 Drilling and test pumping licence
18. Impoundment licence

## **In addition to our own regulatory role we advise on other consents.**

- We are a statutory consultee for planning proposals that involve fish farms, mining, flooding, cemeteries and waste
- We are consulted by the Marine Fisheries Agency on FEPA licences

# Sea defence or fly tipping?



# Which permissions should have been applied for?

- Consignment note?
- Flood defence consent?
- Waste carrier registration?
- Waste management licence?

# The two consents most likely to be required in the marine environment

- Water Quality Discharge Consent - A licence to pollute?
- Flood Defence Consent - Keeping our feet dry!



**Prosecutions, fines and enforcement notices served by the Agency, 2005/2006**

<b>Permit</b>	<b>Successful prosecutions</b>	<b>Fines awarded (£)</b>	<b>Enforcement notices</b>
<b>Water quality discharge consents</b>	39	189,650	1
<b>IPC or IPPC authorisations</b>	6	149,000	47
<b>Waste regulation licences</b>	6	118,000	0
<b>Radioactive substances licences</b>	1	16,000	2
<b>Water resources abstraction licences</b>	4	13,250	0

Find the consent?



# How to apply?



- Look at our website - there is plenty of information on it
- Phone our National Contact Centre on 08708 502 858
- Speak to our local office for our advice
- We are bound to have a form to fill in
- We prefer talking to prosecuting
- We are streamlining the process, more of our consents are being issued centrally this is called “Modern Regulation”.
- This will mean less paper and a more risk based consent

## Each type of consent has a different process

- Some consents have to be advertised
- Flood defence consents have to be decided within 60 days
- Some consents have a fee but some are free

# Other legislation has an impact on our consents.

- The Environment Act
- Habitat Regulations
- The Crow Act
- The Salmon and Freshwater Fisheries Act





# The future is E-consenting

- Section 30 and fisheries byelaw consents can now be applied for online see our website.
- Less paper more trees
- Reducing our carbon footprint

## Let us work together

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