

Environment Agency Publication Scheme – Guide to Information

The Environment Agency is the leading public body responsible for protecting the environment across England and Wales.

The Environment Agency was established under the Environment Act 1995 and vested with statutory duties, responsibilities and powers. As a Non-Departmental Public Body, operating at arms-length from Government, our management is given broad freedom to exercise its responsibilities within a clearly defined framework. Our Government sponsor is the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra). In Wales our activities are sponsored by the National Assembly for Wales (NAW). The Environment Agency is the leading public body protecting and improving the environment in England and Wales.

It is our job to look after the environment and make it a better place to live. We make sure that everyone in today's society looks after the air, land and water so that everyone's quality of life is enhanced, and tomorrow's generations inherit a cleaner, healthier world.

Our work includes tackling flooding and pollution incidents, reducing industry's impacts on the environment, cleaning up rivers, coastal waters and contaminated land, conserving natural resources, improving wildlife habitats and promoting the recreational use of waterways.

The Environment Agency has always recognised the vital role that provision of information plays in helping us to achieve our goals. The necessity of ensuring that the public has up-to-date environmental information is essential; we rely on their power and influence to help us achieve sustained environmental improvements. Providing access to information is also essential if we are to operate openly and thereby maintain the credibility of our regulatory functions.

Our various duties and responsibilities to inform and educate means that the Agency already provides environmental information to a wide audience. This includes regularly publishing information on the environment, including 'State of the Environment' reports, access to map based local environmental information including floodplain maps, and the maintenance of a number of public registers of environmental information. These registers fulfil an existing statutory requirement to provide access to our regulatory decision making activities.

The statutory requirement to maintain and develop the Publication Scheme means that we must take stock of what information we make available and what, in the public (and therefore environmental) interest we intend to make available in the future. We therefore view Freedom of Information as a timely opportunity to further develop a strategic approach to the supply of data and information that will benefit users, the Agency and the environment. Our goals in this respect are that:

- the public recognises the Agency as being at the forefront of environmental information provision;
- the Agency is held up as a model of an open and transparent organisation;
- information of interest to the general public is freely available and widely accessed by the public;
- tailored information services provide timely and relevant information to key audiences - getting over our messages and ensuring that due care is given to the environment in decision making, by the public, business and the Agency.

We aim to achieve this by:

- i. Providing environmental information as widely as possible to as many users as possible;
- ii. Engaging people, communities and sectors of society who presently do not appreciate or see the relevance of environmental issues and who therefore have little interest in environmental information;
- iii. Operating openly and transparently and thereby encouraging public participation in environmental decision making.

Information we are not permitted to make available

Sometimes (and we hope exceptionally) we may still have to withhold information if we consider that it is necessary for reasons such as national security, unwarranted invasion of privacy, commercial confidentiality or other legitimate reasons. When deciding whether we will have to withhold information, we will take into account the grounds listed in the Code of Practice on Access to Government Information, the Freedom of Information Act, the Environmental Information Regulations and the Data Protection Act. We will also consider whether the public interest in withholding the information outweighs the public interest in disclosing it. In any event, if we do have to withhold information, we will explain why we have done so.

How to get information

Most of the information in this guide is available via our website.

When information is not on our website, or you would prefer us to send it to you, you can contact us in the following ways:

By telephone: 08708 506506

By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk

By writing to: The Environment Agency
P O Box 544
Rotherham S60 1BY

Let us know what you think

Our publication scheme is regularly updated and we would appreciate your comments or suggestions. You can send feedback via the [form on our website](#), or by contacting us as detailed above.

Classes of information we are committing to publish

Below are the classes of information we are publishing.

1. [Who we are and what we do](#)
2. [What we spend and how we spend it](#)
3. [What are our priorities and how we are doing](#)
4. [How we make decisions](#)
5. [Our policies and procedures](#)
6. [Lists and registers](#)
7. [The services we offer](#)

Class 1: Who we are and what we do

Board members	
Definition	Information about our Board members, including brief biographies, how appointments are made, and declarations of interest.
How to get the information	<p>Website List of Board members and their interests</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Related information	<p>A brief description of the role of the Board and Committees is available on our website. About our Board and committees</p>
Fee	Free

Board Meetings	
Definition	Dates, Location, Agendas, Minutes and papers from meetings of our Board excluding information that we deem to be confidential
How to get the information	<p>Website</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	Six times per year
Related information	
Fee	Free

Regional Committees	
Definition	<p>The following information about each of our regional committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of committee members • Date and location of meetings • Committee agendas • Minutes of meetings, excluding information that we deem to be confidential <p>Each region has the following committees:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flood Defence Committee (RFDC) • Environment Protection Advisory Committee (REPAC) • Fisheries, Ecology and Recreation Advisory Committee (RFERAC)
How to get the information	<p>Website</p> <p>Anglian Regional Committees Midlands Regional Committees North-East Regional Committees North-West Regional Committees Southern Regional Committees South-West Regional Committees Thames Regional Committees Wales Regional Committees</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	Quarterly meetings
Related information	
Fee	Free

Annual Reports and accounts	
Definition	Our corporate Annual Reports and accounts.
How to get the information	<p>The most recent Annual Reports are available on our website: Corporate Publications</p> <p>Previous years' Annual Reports are available on request.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	Annually
Fee	Free

The Environment Agency's structure	
Definition	Information about the way we are structured
How to get the information	Website How we are structured By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Related information	
Fee	Free

Office addresses and contact details	
Definition	Addresses and contact details for all our area, regional and head offices.
How to get the information	Website Contact Us By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	When changed
Fee	Free

Class 2: What we spend and how we spend it

Annual Accounts	
Definition	Our Accounts
How to get the information	Website Annual report and accounts By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	Annually
Fee	Free

Contract award details	
Definition	<p>A range of information relating to contracts we have awarded with a value above £25,000 for goods and services, or above £250,000 for works. The information comprises:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of original tender • Reference number • Name of successful contractor • Award criteria • Date and duration of award • Contract name • *Names of unsuccessful bidders • *Value of contract <p>*In some circumstances we may not be able to release details of the unsuccessful bidders or the value of the contract for reasons of commercial confidentiality. When this applies, we will explain why we cannot release the information, and indicate whether we might be able to do so in the future.</p>
How to get the information	<p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	When changes are made
Fee	Charges may apply for multiple requests

Buyer Profiles	
Definition	Tenders above £150,000 (for goods and services) or £3.5m (for works), and announcements of contracts awarded as a result.
How to get the information	<p>Buyer profiles are published online in the Official Journal of the European Union (OJEU).</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	When changes are made
Fee	Charges may apply for multiple requests of hard copies

Class 3: What are our priorities and how we are doing

Corporate Strategy	
Definition	Defines our goals and priorities for a 5 year period
How to get the information	Website Corporate Strategy By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	Every 5 years
Related information	
Fee	Free

Business Plans	
Definition	Business plans at Directorate, Area and Regional level
How to get the information	By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	Annual
Related information	Corporate Plan 2005-8
Fee	Free

Internal Environmental Performance	
Definition	How we have performed against our own targets for environmental management within the Environment Agency itself. The information is presented as an Eco-Management & Audit Scheme [EMAS] Environmental Statement, which gives an overall picture of our environmental performance during the appropriate year.
How to get the information	Website Annual Report (Performance figures are also reported within this document) By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	Annually
Fee	Free

Environmental Reports	
Definition	Includes: National and Regional State of the Environment Reports
How to get the information	<p>Website National State of the Environment Report Regional SoE reports: Anglian Region EA Wales Region Midlands Region North-East Region North-West Region Southern Region South-West Region Thames Region</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	
Related information	Environmental Facts and Figures
Fee	

Class 4: How we make decisions

Public Participation Statement	
Definition	Our commitment to encouraging and enabling more widespread public participation in environmental decision-making – and what we are doing to achieve this.
How to get the information	<p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	When changes occur
Related information	
Fee	Free

Public Consultations on the way we operate	
Definition	Open and closed consultations, and our final documents and decisions resulting from consultations
How to get the information	<p>Website Consultations main page</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As required
Fee	Free

Environment Agency Responses to External Consultations	
Definition	Information we have provided to central Government as a contribution to their consultations
How to get the information	<p>Summaries are available to download directly from our website Responses to external consultations Contact us for the full version of any of our responses.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	Free

Class 5: Our policies and procedures

Environment Agency policies and procedures	
Definition	A list of the internal procedures we follow. Individual documents are available on request.
How to get the information	<p>For a copy of any of the procedures on this list please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	Quarterly
Related information	
Fee	Charges may apply for multiple copies

Information Fair Trader Scheme statement and compliance	
Definition	Our statement of commitment to being an Information Fair Trader, and results from any audits.
How to get the information	Website Statement By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	Free

Class 6: Lists and registers

Information for Re-use Register	
Definition	A list of information assets (e.g. datasets, maps etc) which are available for re-use under licence in accordance with our obligations under the Re-Use of Public Sector Information Regulations.
How to get the information	Website Information Asset Register By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at PO Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Related information	
Fee	Free

Flood map	
Definition	<p>The Flood Map is a multi-layered map which provides information on flooding from rivers and the sea for England and Wales. The Flood Map also has information on flood defences and the areas benefiting from those flood defences.</p> <p>The key for Flood Map consists of the following layers of information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Flooding from rivers or sea without defences – the natural flood plain area that could be affected in the event of flooding from rivers and the sea <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - For flooding from rivers the map indicates the extent of a flood with a 1% (1 in 100) chance of happening each year - For flooding from the sea the map shows the extent of a flood with a 0.5% (1 in 200) chance of happening each year • Extent of extreme flood – the extent of a flood with a 0.1% (1 in 1000) chance of happening each year • Flood defences – flood defences such as embankments and walls, and flood storage areas (which are areas of land designed and operated to store flood water) • Areas benefiting from flood defences – where possible we show the areas that benefit from the flood defences shown, in the event of a river flood with a 1% (1 in 100) chance of happening each year, or a flood from the sea with a 0.5% (1 in 200) chance of happening each year. If the defences were not there, these areas would flood. Note that we do not show all areas that benefit from flood defences. <p>The Flood Map does not provide information on flood depth, speed or volume of flow. It doesn't show flooding from other sources, such as groundwater, direct runoff from fields, or overflowing sewers.</p>
How to get the information	<p>Website Flood Map What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	
Fee	

Flood warning area data	
Definition	Maps that show where a full flood warning service is currently available in England and Wales
How to get the information	<p>Website Flood Warning Areas What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Related information	
Fee	

NaFRA – National Flood Risk Assessment	
Definition	<p>The National Flood Risk Assessment (NaFRA) spatial and postcode data provide an indication of flood risk at a national level and the variation between river catchments and coastal zones.</p> <p>The NaFRA 2005 Postcode Flood Likelihood Category Database provides flood likelihood information at postcode unit level summarising the number of properties in each risk category and also the number of properties that are not at risk within that postcode unit. The database can be queried at either postcode unit level or by postcode sector, in which case all exposed postcode units within the postcode sector are viewable as above.</p>
How to get the information	<p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	Annually
Related information	Flood risk objection documents
Fee	A charge may be made, which depends on your intended use

Water abstraction and impounding licences public register

Definition	<p>A register maintained under section 189 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and prescribed by Regulation 34 of The Water Resources (Abstractions and Impounding) Regulations 2006 (since 1 April 2006) [SI No. 641]</p> <p>Includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and address of the applicant, date of the application and brief particulars of its proposals, particulars of the Agency's decision, date of that decision and particulars of any licence granted (including date on which licence expires) or revocation or variation effected, any notice of appeal served. • in relation to an appeal or application made directly to them, the Secretary of State's or Assembly's decision, date of decision and particulars of any licence granted or revocation or variation effected. • where a transfer of the licence occurs in accordance with section 59A of Water Resources Act 1991, name and address of transferee, date on which the Agency received the transfer notice, particulars of the transfer notice and the date on which the transfer notice took effect. • where a licence vests on death or bankruptcy in accordance with section 59B of Water Resources Act 1991 the name and address of the person in whom the licence has vested and the date of vesting. • where a licence is granted in accordance with section 59C(5) of Water Resources Act 1991 (apportionment of licences), the name and address of the licence holder, the particulars of the licence granted, the date on which licence was granted, date on which licence has effect and date on which licence expires.
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/ updated	As changes occur
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Groundwater Vulnerability and Source Protection Zones	
Definition	<p>A public register held under the Groundwater Regulations 1998 (1998/2746) Regulation 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications and information provided to the Agency to help determine these • authorisations and notices, including variations or revocations • monitoring data provided for authorisations and notices • any convictions for offences relevant to the Groundwater Regulations • discharges so small so as to obviate deterioration of groundwater quality • substances determined as inappropriate to list I and any summary of these • substances determined as appropriate to list II and any summary of these • any review by the Secretary of State of the Agency's determinations on list I and II substances • codes of practice approved for the purposes of the Groundwater Regulations
How to get the information	<p>Groundwater Source Protection Zones</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Maps of Freshwater Limits	
Definition	<p>Maps held under section 192 of the Water Resources Act 1991- Maps of freshwater limits (and any changes to those limits) of controlled waters.</p>
How to get the information	<p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Maps of Main Rivers	
Definition	Statutory maps of the main rivers of England and Wales.
How to get the information	<p>These maps are currently in paper form. You can view them at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Maps of Environment Agency waterworks	
Definition	<p>Maps held under section 195 of the Water Resources Act 1991</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • location of resource mains or discharge pipes vested in the Environment Agency • location of underground works vested in the Environment Agency
How to get the information	<p>These maps are currently in paper form. You can view them at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Maps of Sensitive Areas and High Natural Dispersion Areas	
Definition	Information held under SI No 2841 'The Urban Waste Water Treatment (England and Wales) Regulations 1994'. Maps showing sensitive areas of rivers and estuaries.
How to get the information	<p>These maps are currently in paper form. You can view them at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	Updated every three years
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Groundwater public register	
Definition	<p>A public register held under the Groundwater Regulations 1998 (1998/2746) Regulation 22</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications and information provided to the Agency to help determine these • authorisations and notices, including variations or revocations • monitoring data provided for authorisations and notices • any convictions for offences relevant to the Groundwater Regulations • discharges so small so as to obviate deterioration of groundwater quality • substances determined as inappropriate to list I and any summary of these • substances determined as appropriate to list II and any summary of these • any review by the Secretary of State of the Agency's determinations on list I and II substances • codes of practice approved for the purposes of the Groundwater Regulations
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/ updated	As changes occur
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

Water Quality and Pollution Control Public Register	
Definition	<p>Includes: River Quality Data Bathing water data Discharges to sea data</p> <p>A register maintained under section 190 of the Water Resources Act 1991 and prescribed by SI No.2971 The Control of Pollution (Applications, Appeals and Registers) Regulations 1996 (since 31 December 1996), and previously SIno.1160 The Control of Pollution (Registers) Regulations 1989 (since 1 September 1989)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notices of water quality objectives • applications for consents to discharge or for variation of an existing consent, and supporting material • discharge consents, consent conditions and any variations • date and time of each sample of water or effluent taken by the Agency, the result of its analysis and any steps taken by the Agency as a consequence • date and time of each sample of water or effluent taken by any other person, the result of its analysis (by the Agency) and any steps taken by that person as a consequence • prohibition notices • enforcement notices • revocations of discharge consents • notices of appeal and relevant correspondence, decisions and representations, Secretary of State's determination and any accompanying • Secretary of State directions to the Agency in relation to its water pollution functions (except directions relating to matters of national security) • details of convictions of consent holders, including the name of the offender, date of conviction, penalty imposed, the costs (if any) awarded against the offender and the name of the court reports. • returns and other information about the nature, origin, composition, temperature, volume and rate of discharges provided to the Agency as a result of consent conditions • register entries made under the previous Control of Pollution (Registers) Regulations (SI No.1160/1989 since 1 September 1989) • an index to facilitate access to particulars entered in to the register
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/ updated	
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Authorised landfill sites	
Definition	Polygon data on currently licensed landfill sites. Background Information about waste management sites and some mobile disposal plants are stored on a database called REGIS (Regulation Information System). It is a database holding Waste Management Licence (WML) information. A WML is a permit granted by the Environment Agency. The WML authorises the treatment, keeping or disposal of controlled waste in or on specified land, as indicated within the site licence. The database holds core fields extracted from REGIS for all the waste management sites granted WMLs by the Environment Agency.
How to get the information	By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	Free

Historic landfill site location data	
Definition	<p>The Historic Landfill Dataset brings together information on all of the sites of which the Environment Agency is aware which have been used to bury waste materials. Although certain periods of time have been covered by specific legislation on waste disposal, these have consequently shaped the available information temporally. In collating data on all known sites we have rationalised this information for example in formatting, to provide a coherent, comprehensive dataset.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Purpose of the data</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To provide accurate spatial information about known historic landfills • To provide an accurate guide to the chronology of historic landfills in relation to waste types deposited at the site.
How to get the information	<p>Historic landfills What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	
Fee	

Pollution inventory	
Definition	The Pollution Inventory collects information on releases of pollutants and transfers of waste off-site from businesses we regulate in England and Wales.
How to get the information	<p>Website Pollution inventory web pages</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Fee	

Register of Radioactive Substances Information	
Definition	<p>Documents and records received and issued under any provision of the Radioactive Substances Act 1993, held by the Agency in the form of a register, under section 39 of the Act and as specified in DoE Circular 21/90 (since 1 January 1991)</p> <p>In light of concerns that release of certain information could be prejudicial to national security, certain information has been deemed to be sensitive. The risks associated with information related to closed and mobile source registrations have been assessed to be the most significant and this has been removed from the Public Registers.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • applications for registration or authorisation including supporting material, e.g.maps and photographs • certificates of registration or authorisation • notices of variation or cancellation • enforcement and prohibition notices • letters notifying those served with an enforcement notice due to a breach of the conditions of the registration or authorisation, that the conditions are being complied with • notices advising those served with a prohibition notice that the notice is now withdrawn • notices advising the variation or cancellation of a registration following a determination of an appeal • notices advising the variation or revocation of an authorisation following a determination of an appeal records of convictions, specifically the offence, the name of the offender, the date of the conviction, the penalty imposed and the name of the Court • copies of annual reports of the Agency's monitoring programmes of authorised discharges of radioactive wastes in England and Wales • detailed monitoring data held by the Agency (this information is not distributed to local authorities) • monitoring data provided to the Agency by operators of major sites where it is required as a condition of the authorisation • certificates of notification, certificates of agreement (previously known as noting letters or letters of approval) issued to the Ministry of Defence and Visiting Forces • variations or cancellations to certificates of notification or agreement
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
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IPC (Integrated Pollution Control) Public Register

Definition	<p>A register maintained under section 20 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and prescribed by SI No.507 (Applications, Appeals and Registers) Regulations 1991 (since 1 April 1991) and SI No.1996/979 (since 24 April 1996)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all particulars of applications for authorisation, or for variation of the conditions of an existing authorisation • all particulars of any published advertisements in relation to an application • all particulars of Schedule 1 notices requiring further details, issued by the Agency and any information provided in response by the operator • all particulars of any representations made by any person required by statute to be consulted • all particulars of any representations made by any person in response to a published advertisement except those representations requested not to be placed in the register • where representations are omitted from the register at the request of the person who made them, a statement by the Agency that such representations have been made (without identifying any such person) • all particulars of any authorisation granted by the Agency • all particulars of any written notice of the transfer of an authorisation • all particulars of any written notice of the transfer of an authorisation all particulars of the Agency's opinion on action to be taken following the issue of a variation notice • all particulars of any revocation of an authorisation made by the Agency • all particulars of any variation notice, enforcement notice or prohibition notice issued by the Agency • all particulars of any notice issued by the Agency withdrawing an enforcement notice or a prohibition notice • all particulars of any notice of appeal against a decision by the Agency, the documents relating to the appeal, any written notification of the Secretary of State's determination of such an appeal and any accompanying report • details of any conviction of any person for an offence relating to an authorised or non-authorised process, including the name of the offender, the date of conviction, the penalty imposed and the name of the Court • all particulars of any monitoring information obtained by the Agency as a result of its own monitoring, supplied to it as a condition of the authorisation or notice issued seeking further information • where monitoring information is omitted from the register because it is commercially confidential, a statement by the Agency indicating whether or not there has been compliance with any relevant condition of the authorisation • all particulars of any other information provided to the Agency (on or after 1 April 1996) in compliance with a condition of the authorisation, a variation notice, enforcement notice, prohibition notice, or notice seeking further information • reports published by the Agency relating to an assessment of the environmental consequences of a prescribed process operating in the locality of the authorised premises • all particulars of any direction (other than a direction relating to matters of national security given to the Agency by the Secretary of State
How to get	Website

the information	<p>Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/ updated	
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PPC (Pollution Prevention & Control) Public Register	
Definition	<p>A register maintained under regulation 29 of the Pollution Prevention Control Regulations 2000 and as specified in Paragraph 1 of Schedule 9 of those Regulations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all particulars of any application made to the regulator for a permit or for a variation of the conditions of a permit • all particulars of any notice to the applicant by the regulator under paragraph 4 of Schedule 4 and paragraph 2 of Schedule 7 and of any information furnished in response to such a notice • all particulars of any advertisement published pursuant to paragraph 5 of Schedule 4 or paragraph 4(8) of Schedule 7 and of any representations made by any person in response to such an advertisement, other than representations which the person who made them requested should not be placed in the register • in a case where any such representations are omitted from the register at the request of the person who made them, a statement by the regulator that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request (but such statement shall not identify the person who made the representations in question) • all particulars of any representations made by any person required to be given notice under paragraph 9 of Schedule 4 or paragraph 4(5)(c) of Schedule 7 • all particulars of any permit granted by the regulator • all particulars of any notification of the regulator given under regulation 16(1) • all particulars of any application made to the regulator for the variation, transfer or surrender of a permit • all particulars of any variation, transfer and surrender of any permit granted by the regulator • all particulars of any revocation of a permit granted by the regulator • all particulars of any enforcement notice or suspension notice issued by the regulator • all particulars of any notice issued by the regulator withdrawing an enforcement notice or a suspension notice • all particulars of any notice of appeal under regulation 27 against a decision by the regulator or a notice served by the regulator and of the documents relating to the appeal mentioned in paragraph 1(2)(a), (d) and (e) of Schedule 8 • all particulars of any representations made by any person in response to a notice given under paragraph 3(1) of Schedule 8, other than representations which the person who made them requested should not be placed in the register • in a case where any such representations are omitted from the register at the request of the person who made them, a statement by the regulator that representations have been made which have been the subject of such a request (but such statement shall not identify the person who made the representations in question) • all particulars of any written notification of the Secretary of State's determination of such an appeal and any report accompanying any such written notification • details of any conviction of or formal caution given to any person for any offence under regulation 32(1) which relates to the operation of an installation under a permit granted by the regulator, or without such a permit in circumstances where one is required by regulation 9, including the name of the person, the date of conviction or formal caution, and, in the case of a conviction, the penalty imposed and the name of the Court • all particulars of any monitoring information relating to the operation of an installation under a permit granted by the regulator obtained by the regulator as a result of its own monitoring or furnished to the regulator in writing by virtue of a condition of the permit or under regulation 28(2) • in a case where any such monitoring information is omitted from the

	<p>register by virtue of regulation 31, a statement by the regulator, based on the monitoring information from time to time obtained by or furnished to them, indicating whether or not there has been compliance with any relevant condition of the permit</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all particulars of any other information furnished to the authority in compliance with a condition of the permit, a variation notice, enforcement notice or suspension notice, or regulation 28(2) • where a permit granted by the regulator authorises the carrying out of a specified waste management activity, all particulars of any waste management licence (within the meaning of regulation 19(13)) which ceased to have effect on the granting of the permit in so far as they may be relevant for the purpose of determining under regulation 19 whether any pollution risk results from the carrying out of such an activity on the site covered by the permit • all particulars of any report published by a regulator relating to an assessment of the environmental consequences of the operation of an installation in the locality of premises where the installation is operated under a permit granted by the regulator • all particulars of any direction (other than a direction under regulation 30(2)) given to the regulator by the Secretary of State under any provision of the PPC Regulations
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<p>Fee</p>	<p>Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use</p>

Register of Carriers of Controlled Waste	
Definition	<p>A public register maintained under section 2(2)(b) of the Control of Pollution (Amendment) Act 1989 and Regulation 3 of SI No. 1624 The Controlled Waste (Registration of Carriers and Seizure of Vehicles) Regulations 1991 and prescribed by Regulation 6 of SI No. 1991/1624 (<i>since 14 October 1991</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • entries showing persons as registered carriers of controlled waste with their allocated registration number, including any letter • the date the registration takes effect and the date of expiry • registered person's business name, address of his principal business office and telephone, telex or fax numbers, and if an individual, date of birth • for corporate bodies, the names of each director, manager, secretary or other similar officers and their dates of birth • for companies registered in Great Britain, the registered number, otherwise the country in which it was incorporated • relevant conviction details including person's name, details of the offence, date of conviction, penalty imposed, the name of the Court and, if an individual, their date of birth • details of waste management licences held • date of renewal and revised expiry date • any other changes to registered details and the date of amendment • an index to allow members of the public to readily trace information on the register
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Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use
	Register of Waste Management Licences
Definition	<p>A public register held under section 64 of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 (Part II) and prescribed by Regulation 10 of SI No.1056 The Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 (<i>since 1 May 1994</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • current or recently current waste management licences and any related working plans • current or recently current applications for, or transfer or modification of, licences including supporting information from the applicant, written representations considered by the Agency, any decisions taken by the Secretary of State, notices of rejection by the Agency or emergencies resulting

	<p>in the postponement of relevant references.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notices of modification, revocation, suspension of licences • notices of appeal and relevant documents • conviction details of licence holders including the name of the offender, date of conviction, penalty imposed and the name of the Court • reports produced by the Agency including remedial or preventative action taken • any monitoring information obtained by the Agency as a result of its own monitoring, or supplied to it as a condition of the licence • Secretary of State directions • summaries of special waste produced or disposed of • register details and records provided under the Control of Pollution (Special Waste) Regulations 1980 or Special Waste Regulations 1996 where the licence has been revoked or surrendered • applications for the surrender of licences including supporting information and evidence, written representations, decisions by the Secretary of State and notices of determination and certificates of completion • inspectors' reports written after seizing or rendering harmless, any article or substance • records of where and when inspectors exercised their powers, what information was obtained and what action was taken on each occasion • statements of whether or not there is compliance with any condition of a licence where the information which shows compliance or not, has been excluded from the register because it is confidential
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
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	Register of Exempt Activities
Definition	<p>A public register held under and prescribed by Regulation 18(2) and 18(3) of SI No.1056 The Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 (since 1 May 1994)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and address of the exempt establishment or undertaking • activity which makes it exempt • place where the activity occurs
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p>

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Related information	
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Register of Professional Collectors and Transporters of Waste, and Dealers and Brokers	
Definition	<p>A public register held under Regulation 19 (as detailed in Schedule 4, para 12) of SI No.1056 The Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 (<i>since 1 May 1994</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • name and address of the establishment or undertaking • address of its principal place of business • address of any place at, or from which, it carries on its business
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Register of Brokers of Controlled Waste	
Definition	<p>A public register held under Regulation 20(7) (as detailed in Schedule 5, paragraph 2) of SI No.1056 The Waste Management Licensing Regulations 1994 (<i>since 1 May 1994</i>)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • broker's registration number • date the registration takes effect and date of its expiry • broker's business name and address of the principal place of business including telephone number, telex or fax numbers and, if an individual, their date of birth • for corporate bodies, the names of each director, manager or similar position and their dates of birth • for companies registered in Great Britain, the registered number, otherwise the country in which it was incorporated • relevant conviction details including person's name, details of the offence, date of conviction, penalty imposed, the name of the Court and, if an individual, their date of birth • details of waste management licences held • date of renewal and revised expiry date • any other changes to registered details and the date of amendment
How to get the information	<p>Website Public Registers home page What's In Your Backyard?</p> <p>You can view the register at your local Environment Agency office. For your nearest office, please contact us.</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
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Producer Responsibility Register	
Definition	<p>A public register maintained under Regulation 26 (as detailed in Schedule 7) of SI No.648 The Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 1997 (<i>since 1 September 1997</i>)</p> <p>Producer registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (for 1997 and 1998) the name and address of the registered office or principal place of business of the registered producer [and] • (for 1999 and subsequent years) a statement for each year as to whether a certificate of compliance has been furnished <p>Scheme registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • (for 1997 and 1998) the name of the scheme, the name and address of the registered office or principal place of business of each operator of the scheme and the members of the scheme [and] • (for 1999 and subsequent years) a statement in relation to each scheme member and each year as to whether the scheme has discharged its recovery and recycling obligations <p>For all registrations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a note of any amendment made to any register entry and the date of amendment • an index to allow members of the public to readily trace information on the register
How to get the information	<p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/ updated	
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Control of Major Accidents and Hazards (COMAH)	
Definition	<p>A register maintained under Regulation 21 (4) of the Control of Major Accident Hazards Regulations 1999. SI 1999 No. 743</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • notifications to the Competent Authority under regulation 6 • notifications under regulation 16 (2) • communications under regulation 17 (1)(a) • COMAH improvement notices served under section 21 of HSW74 • COMAH prohibition notices served under regulation 18 (3)
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Contaminated Land Public Register	
Definition	<p>A public register held under Part IIA of EPA 1990 of remedial activities carried out for the purpose of risk management.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Remediation statements • Remediation declarations • Remediation notices • Land identified as contaminated land under Part IIA but which is subsequently dealt with under other environmental controls • Designation of Special Sites • Notification of remediation steps claimed to have been taken • Statements on appeals
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Related information	
Fee	Inspection is free, but charges generally apply for re-use

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How often released/updated	With each new publication
Fee	Individual publications may have a cover charge. This is stated in the details of each publication.

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Definition	All flood warnings or flood watches currently in place.
How to get the information	Website Current flood warnings and watches By telephone: Floodline 0845 988 1188 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk
How often released/updated	Every 15 minutes
Related information	
Fee	Free

Press releases	
Definition	Current and past press releases relating to national and regional news.
How to get the information	Website: News items and archive By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY
How often released/updated	Daily
Fee	Free

NETREGS	
Definition	Plain language guidance to help small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) to understand the complex environmental regulations which apply to them. Includes regulation and management guidelines, information on relevant legislation, and the results of compliance surveys.
How to get the information	<p>Website NETREGS website</p> <p>By telephone: 08708 506506 By email: enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk By writing to us at P O Box 544, Rotherham S60 1BY</p>
How often released/updated	As changes occur
Related information	
Fee	Certain charges may apply