

The Joint Agencies Groundwater Directive Advisory Group (JAGDAG).

Under Schedule 22, paragraph 4 of the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010 (SI 675), which transpose the requirements of the Groundwater Directive 2006 (2006/118/EC) into domestic legislation, the Environment Agency is required to publish a list of substances that it considers to be hazardous substances on the basis of their intrinsic properties. The identification of hazardous substances in England and Wales will be the responsibility of the Environment Agency, whose decisions will be reviewed by the Joint Agencies Groundwater Directive Advisory Group (JAGDAG).

JAGDAG is a body comprising the Environment Agency (EA), the Scottish Environment Protection Agency (SEPA), the Northern Ireland Environment Agency (NIEA) and the Environmental Protection Agency Ireland (EPA) ('the Agencies'), together with the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA), Welsh Assembly Government (WAG), Health Protection Agency (HPA) and industry representatives.

The substances selected for consideration by JAGDAG are those for which requests for assessment have been received by the Agencies, or which are considered to be candidates for such requests in the future. In the absence of formal JAGDAG determinations the EA may make preliminary determinations to enable it to fulfil its statutory duties. However, all such interim determinations would be referred to JAGDAG for prompt review. JAGDAG decisions may be reviewed by the Secretary of State.

Further information on the work of JAGDAG, including the list of substances considered to be hazardous, can be found on the UKTAG website [<http://www.wfduk.org/jagdag/>].