

regulatory position statement

The collection and secure storage, at marinas and lock sites, of sewage effluent from boats pending disposal elsewhere

If you comply with the requirements set out below, we will allow the collection and secure storage of sewage effluent from boats pending disposal elsewhere.

Background

It is common practice for waterway lock sites and inland/coastal marinas to provide a disposal service for sewage from private and commercial boats. The bulking up and storage of this sewage requires a permit under the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010.

Our position

We will not pursue an application for an environmental permit where:

- the total quantity of stored at any one time does not exceed 50 cubic metres
- the sewage is kept in a secure¹ container
- the sewage is passed to an authorised carrier for subsequent disposal
- you meet the relevant objectives of the Waste Framework Directive; '... ensuring that waste management is carried out without endangering human health, without harming the environment and in particular:
 - (i) without risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals;
 - (ii) without causing a nuisance through noise or odours; and
 - (iii) without adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest.'

Enforcement

In not pursuing an application for a permit, this means we will not normally take enforcement action unless the activity has caused, or is likely to cause, pollution or harm to health. For a more detailed explanation of this enforcement position, please refer to our **Enforcement and Sanctions Statement**. This document can be found on the 'How we regulate you' page in the Business & Industry section of our website.

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¹ 'secure' means the waste cannot escape and unauthorised persons are prevented from accessing it.