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Your guide to environmental law affecting your business

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## [New enforcement powers from 4 January](#)



The Environment Agency will start using new enforcement powers, called civil sanctions, from 4 January 2011. These alternatives to criminal penalties are designed for less serious offences, and may be more appropriate for businesses trying to do the right thing. [Find out how the sanctions will be used.](#)

## [Have your say: permitting regulation changes](#)



Defra is asking for views by 26 November on proposals to amend the way that environmental permit are used to regulate anaerobic digestion and carbon capture and storage in England and Wales. [Read more about the permitting consultation.](#)

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## **Substances to be classified using new EC system**



Chemical manufacturers and importers must classify, label and package all substances according to a new EC system by 1 December 2010. From the same date anyone placing substances on the market may need to notify the European Chemicals Agency's inventory. [Read about the requirements.](#)

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## **Discharge from building sites without permit**



Construction firms in England and Wales can now discharge water that accumulates in excavations temporarily without an environmental permit, so long as they comply with conditions in the Environment Agency's new position statement. [Read more on treating and discharging water from building sites.](#)

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## **Tool makes waste shipments easier to navigate**



The Environment Agency's new online tool allows waste exporters to check where they can send certain waste types abroad, and the controls in place. [Read more on international shipment controls and try the tool.](#)

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## Will you be burning this bonfire night?



Have a happy and safe bonfire night! If you're lighting a fire this weekend, make sure you don't produce black smoke or cause a nuisance for neighbours. Why not take the opportunity to think about how you prevent pollution from your business? Read about [air pollution](#), [burning waste](#), and [smoke nuisance](#).

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## Celebrating our cleaner rivers



Double good news for our waterways: otters are back from the brink of extinction in England, and the Thames has won an international award for recovery. The Thames was 'biologically dead' in the 1950s, but is now a haven for wildlife. [Help our waters stay clean by following water pollution controls](#).

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## New environmental legislation



Remember you can always check NetRegs for environmental legislation that has come into force in the past 12 months in [England](#), [Northern Ireland](#), [Scotland](#) and [Wales](#).

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