

# [Guidance: MCERTS: performance standard for portable emission monitoring systems](#)

*Updated:* Updated MCERTS: performance standard for portable emission monitoring systems.

The Environment Agency set up its Monitoring Certification Scheme (MCERTS) to provide a framework of standards you can use to monitor things that affect the environment.

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# [Corporate report: APHA regulatory and compliance policy](#)

*Updated:* The APHA regulatory and compliance policy has been updated.

The document outlines the APHA's regulatory functions, the principles of Better Regulation which guide these functions and our policy on achieving compliance.

We are the national regulator in Great Britain responsible for the delivery of government policies on animal health and welfare on behalf of the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (Defra), Scottish Government and Welsh Government.

We are the designated UK Management Authority under the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species (CITES) and work on behalf of the Food Standards Agency in relation to the Food Hygiene Regulations.

We implement and enforce plant and bee health policy and the release and marketing of genetically modified organisms (GMOs) in England, and in Wales on behalf of the Welsh Government. We also enforce compliance with egg marketing standards.

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## [Guidance: Procurement categories and contact details: Environment Agency](#)

*Updated:* Updated contact details for IT – Emerging Technologies and Programmes procurement team.

Procurement expenditure categories at the Environment Agency. Names and contact details for the team member responsible for each procurement category.

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## [Collection: Managing the River Medway](#)

*Updated:* Added 2018-2019 charter.

The Environment Agency is the navigation authority for the non tidal River Medway. Read their customer charter to find out how they manage the River Medway.

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## [Detailed guide: River Medway: conditions, closures and restrictions](#)

*Updated:* New notice to mariners added.

### **River conditions**

Current condition on the River Medway:

Green: all clear (effective from 9am 6 September 2018).

### **What the conditions mean**

- Red: strong stream. We advise users of all boats not to navigate because the strong flows make it difficult and dangerous.
- Green: all clear. No stream warnings are in force, all boats can navigate the river freely.

This web page will only be updated during business hours (Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm). Outside these hours, customers should call Allington Lock on 01622 752864 for the latest stream information.

## River closures

There are currently no unplanned closures on the River Medway. See [planned lock closures and river draining](#) for 2018.

## River restrictions

When	Where	What's happening
Sunday 9 September 2018	Town Lock pen, Tonbridge	Dragon Boat Races, The races will begin at the bend after the sports ground and finish at Big Bridge, approximately 200 metres downstream. There will be 2 boats in each race (3 in the final). The event will commence at 07.30 hours and finish at 17.30 hours. Would all other river users please give the racing crews unhindered passage during these times.
Sunday 23 September 2018	Maidstone Invicta Rowing Club to St Peter's bridge, Maidstone	Maidstone Invicta Rowing Club will be holding the Maidstone Spring Head Race. The races will be run on a timed basis over a course from just upstream of the Malta Inn, Allington to just before St Peter's bridge, Maidstone. There will be four divisions starting at 09:00, 10:45, 12:30 and 14:15 hours. Each race should last between 30 and 45 minutes.

## Planned lock closures

There are no current planned closures on the River Medway.

## River levels

Find out about [river levels on the Medway](#).

## Email updates

The Environment Agency sends email updates on planned River Medway closures and restrictions. To subscribe to this service, email [allington.lock@environment-agency.gov.uk](mailto:allington.lock@environment-agency.gov.uk) with 'subscribe to notice to mariners' in the subject line.