Official Statistics: Water situation report for England: March 2017

Summary for March

March rainfall totals were slightly above the long term average (LTA) across England as a whole, at 105%. However, at a hydrological area scale, rainfall totals varied widely, ranging from exceptionally high in parts of Cumbria (at almost twice the LTA) to below normal in parts of south-east England (at close to a third of the LTA).

Soils remained close to saturation across much of England, although soil moisture deficits were starting to build in the east and south-east of England at the end of March.

Monthly mean river flows for March decreased at just over half of indicator sites across England compared with February, although the majority of sites were classed as normal or higher for the time of year.

Groundwater levels increased at nearly two-thirds of indicator sites during March and end of month levels were normal or higher at just over half of sites.

Reservoir stocks increased or remained unchanged at all but 4 of the reported reservoirs or reservoir groups, with end of month stocks normal or higher for the time of year at nearly three-quarters of sites. Overall reservoir storage for England increased to 95% of total capacity.

Notice: Marlow Town Regatta and Canoe and Dragon Boat Races 2017: river restriction notice

River Thames restriction information for Saturday 10 June 2017 from 9am to 5pm and Sunday 11 June 2017 from 9:30am to 2:30pm.

Notice: CV21 2RY, Cemex UK Cement Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

• Operator name: Cemex UK Cement Limited

• Installation name: Rugby Cement Plant

• Permit number: EPR/BL7248IH/V016

Notice: DN18 6JL, Cemex UK Cement Limited: environmental permit issued

Updated: Revised versions of notice of variation and decision documents

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

• Operator name: Cemex UK Cement Limited

• Installation name: South Ferriby Cement Plant

• Permit number: EPR/BL1029IP/V007

Notice: SK17 0EL, Lhoist UK Limited: environmental permit issued

The Environment Agency publish permits that they issue under the Industrial Emissions Directive (IED).

This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

• Operator name: Lhoist UK Limited

• Installation name: Brierlow Lime Works

• Permit number: EPR/BK9571IU/V006