

Policy paper: Environment Agency enforcement and sanctions policy

Updated: We updated Enforcement and Sanctions: Offence Response Options (ORO)

How the Environment Agency conducts enforcement activity for environmental offences and breaches.

Includes how we:

- make enforcement and sanctioning decisions including the decision to prosecute
- apply Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008 civil sanctions and when we may accept enforcement undertakings
- apply climate change civil penalties
- enforce the Control of Mercury (Enforcement) Regulations 2017

The Offence Response Options (ORO) document sets out the options available to every offence we regulate. An updated version of this document will be published shortly.