

Notice: B9 5BP, Tradebe Healthcare Limited: environmental permit issued

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

This decision includes the surrender letter and decision document for:

- Operator name: Tradebe Healthcare Limited
 - Installation name: Yardley Green Clinical Waste Treatment Facility
 - Permit number: EPR/XP3834XX/S005
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Notice: L38 1QA, White Moss Horticulture Limited: environmental permit issued

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This decision includes the permit and decision document for:

- Operator name: White Moss Horticulture Limited
 - Installation name: North End Farm
 - Permit number: EPR/BB3004XT/V003
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Official Statistics: Weekly rainfall and river flow summary: 25 to 31 January 2017

Updated: A corrected version of the weekly rainfall and river flow summary, 25 to 31 January 2017.

A review of the rainfall and river flow data for England covering the 7 day period (Wednesday to Tuesday).

Research and analysis: ACRE advice: increasing photosynthetic efficiency in wheat trial

This document is the Advisory Committee on Releases to the Environment (ACRE's) advice to government in considering a request from Rothamsted Research for a trial of genetically modified (GM) wheat. This research is looking at the impact of the genetic modification in field conditions.

The committee concluded that all appropriate measures have been taken to avoid adverse effects to human health and the environment from the proposed trial.

Press release: Kerry Ingredients UK Limited paying £127,000 over pollution incident

The Environment Agency has accepted an offer of more than £127,000 for an enforcement undertaking from Kerry Ingredients UK Limited following a pollution incident in the River Cam in Gloucestershire.

The incident, which took place in June 2014, resulted in the deaths of more than 200 fish.

As a result, a financial contribution of £127,975 is being shared between Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust (£40,451), Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust (£19,766), Severn Rivers Trust (£52,758) and Bristol Zoological Society (£15,000)

The Environment Agency's ability to accept Enforcement Undertakings was extended in 2015 to a far wider range of offences. The Environment Agency is increasingly using this method of enforcement for suitable cases to swiftly restore the environment, improve practices of the offending company and avoid longer criminal court cases. However prosecutions will still be taken, particularly in the most serious cases.

The Kerry case is one of a number revealed today in which charities will receive more than £1.5 million for projects benefitting wildlife and the environment as a result of enforcement action by the Environment Agency.

Peter Kellett, Legal Director for the Environment Agency said:

We take pollution incidents very seriously and the payments of £1.5 million we're announcing today are the result of our firm but fair enforcement action and will benefit people and the environment across the country.

Enforcement Undertakings allow those who commit offences to restore the environment and to take steps to prevent a recurrence. When appropriate, they allow a quicker resolution than a prosecution and help offenders who are prepared to take responsibility for their actions to put things right with their local communities.