Official Statistics: Weekly rainfall and river flow summary: 15 to 21 February 2017

A dry week across most of England. River flows decreased at the majority of sites, but remain normal for the time of year at just over half of sites.

Notice: DE55 5NH, Sapa Profiles UK Limited: environmental permit draft decision advertisement

Updated: Amended dates on draft decision document

The Environment Agency consults the public on certain applications for waste operations, mining waste operations, installations, water discharge and groundwater activities. In some cases they also consult on draft decisions for environmental permits. The arrangements are explained in its Public Participation Statement

These notices explain:

- the Environment Agency's proposed decision and the reasons and considerations on which they've based this
- additional relevant information available since the application was advertised
- any information or guidance provided by the Secretary of State relevant to the application

Notice: GU10 1PB, SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd: 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: SUEZ Recycling and Recovery UK Ltd

• Installation name: Runfold South Landfill Areas A and C

• Permit number: EPR/SP3131GC/V003

Notice: UB2 4NA, Noon Products 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: Noon Products Limited

• Installation name: Southall Ready Meals Factory

• Permit number: EPR/AP3139AM/A001

Policy paper: The Isles of Scilly: protecting the quality of groundwater

Before 2010, the Isles of Scilly were exempt from UK environmental legislation. However, Environmental Permitting Regulations (EPR) have been extended to the islands, so now the Environment Agency is responsible for monitoring and protecting the quality of groundwater on the Isles of Scilly.

The majority of drinking water on the islands comes from groundwater.

It is crucial these sources of groundwater are safeguarded and that the water is of high quality both for environmental reasons and to support safe abstraction for consumption.

The EPR regulations may mean that in future an environmental permit is needed where sewage effluent is discharged to ground soakaways on the islands. This is to ensure that the treatment and discharge of sewage effluent is well managed and does not pose risks to the quality of groundwater.

The reports published by the Environment Agency detail a groundwater quality survey and the delineation of Source Protection Zones.