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## **THE ENVIRONMENT AGENCY (ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITTING AND ABSTRACTION LICENSING) (ENGLAND) CHARGING SCHEME 2024**

The Environment Agency in exercise of its powers under sections 41 to 41C of the Environment Act 1995, and with the approval of the Secretary of State and the consent of the Treasury, makes the following Charging Scheme.

### **PART 1: GENERAL**

#### **Commencement, extent and citation**

1. (1) This charging scheme shall be referred to as the Environment Agency (Environmental Permitting and Abstraction Licensing) (England) Charging Scheme 2024 (“this Scheme”).

(2) It extends only to England, including the Isles of Scilly.

(3) It comes into force on 1st April 2024 and remains in force until revoked.

#### **Interpretation: general**

2. (1) In this Scheme -

“the Act” means the Water Resources Act 1991 and, unless otherwise specified, expressions used in this Scheme in relation to a water resources activity, have the same meaning as those used in the Act;

“the Regulations” means the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 and, unless otherwise specified, expressions used in this Scheme in relation to a regulated facility have the same meaning as those used in the Regulations;

“activity” means a regulated facility or a water resources activity and for the purposes of this Scheme, and subject to its other provisions, an activity is deemed to fall within whichever description or descriptions in the Application Charge Tables and the Subsistence Charge Tables, fit it most aptly;

“application” means -

(a) an application -

- (i) for a permit,
- (ii) to vary, transfer, or surrender a permit,
- (iii) to partially transfer or surrender a permit, or
- (iv) to register a WEEE operation,

(b) a regulator initiated variation, made under the Regulations, or

(c) an application for a permit, or to vary a permit or revoke an impounding permit, made under the Act;

“application charge” means a charge described in Part 2 of this Scheme;

“Application Charge Tables” means the “Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables” and the “Water Resources Application Charge Tables”;

“default standard facility” means a standard facility described in standard rules made after 1st April 2022;

“default standard facility charge” means the application or subsistence charges specified in the Agency’s response to the consultation on the standard rules relating to that facility, selected from –

(a) the Default Standard Facility Charge Table in Chapter 4 of Part 1 of the Schedule, or

(b) the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables or the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables;

“Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables” and “Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables” mean the Tables with those titles contained in Part 1 of the Schedule;

“financial year” means the 12 months ending on 31st March;

“nuclear site” has the meaning given in the Regulations but also includes a site which would require a nuclear site licence under the Nuclear Installations Act 1965, were it not exempt from this requirement by virtue of other legislation;

“permit” includes a licence within the meaning of the Act;

“reference” means the relevant number in the first column of the Application Charge Tables or the Subsistence Charge Tables, applicable to an application activity or a subsistence activity;

“relevant time and material costs” means -

(a) in relation to a specified radioactive substances activity, those costs and expenses

- (i) incurred by the Agency in the determination of an application (including pre-application advice) or the annual subsistence of a permit, based on an hourly rate of £286 in relation to key technical work in relation to a specified radioactive substances activity, and £125 in any other case,
- (ii) in the case of a radioactive substances activity carried on at a nuclear site, incurred by the Food Standards Agency in carrying out its functions in relation to those matters, or

(b) in any other case, those costs and expenses incurred by the Agency in relation to the relevant matters described in this Scheme, based on an hourly rate of –

- (i) £84, in the case of charges arising under paragraphs 14(7)(b), or 15(1)(a) and (b) of this Scheme,
- (ii) £125, in the case of charges arising under paragraph 15(1)(d) of this Scheme, or
- (iii) £100 in any other case,

as notified from time to time by the Agency to the operator (including by way of estimates, subject to later reconciliation);

“specified radioactive substances activity” means a radioactive substances activity -

- (a) carried on at a nuclear site,
- (b) which involves the accumulation or disposal of radioactive waste at a regulated facility permitted for the accumulation and then disposal of radioactive waste to land, or
- (c) which involves the use of radioactive material for the purposes of generating electricity from fusion including any associated research and development;

“standard facility” means a regulated facility described in standard rules and which is the subject of a request from the operator made under, or a term referred to in, regulation 27(2) of the Regulations;

“subsistence charge” means a charge described in Part 3 of this Scheme;

“Subsistence Charge Tables” means the “Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables” and the “Water Resource Subsistence Charge Tables”;

“water abstraction activity” means an abstraction of water which is required to be carried out under and in accordance with a licence granted under the Act and “abstraction permit” shall be construed accordingly;

“water impounding activity” means an impounding of water which is required to be carried out under and in accordance with a licence granted under the Act and “impounding permit” shall be construed accordingly;

“water resources activity” means a water abstraction activity or a water impounding activity and “water resources permit” shall be construed accordingly;

“Water Resources Application Charge Tables” and “Water Resources Subsistence Charge Tables” mean the Tables with those titles contained in Part 2 of the Schedule;

“water undertaker” has the meaning given in the Water Industry Act 1991;

(2) Nothing in this Scheme affects any powers of the Agency to enter into agreements under the provisions of sections 126, 127 and 130 of the Act.

(3) Any references in this Scheme to a document published on Gov.Uk mean the version of that document in force on that site on 1st April 2024.

(4) The Schedule to this Scheme (Tables of Charges) has effect.

### **Liability to pay charges**

3. The persons set out below are liable to pay the charges under this Scheme -

(a) in respect of an application charge, the person or persons -

- (i) applying to hold a permit,
- (ii) holding the permit to which the application relates,
- (iii) applying for the transfer of a permit,
- (iv) registering a WEEE operation, or

(b) in respect of a subsistence charge, the holder of the permit in respect of which the subsistence charge is payable.

### **Time of payment**

4. Charges payable under this Scheme are due and payable in full at the following times on or after the 1st April 2024 -

(a) subject to sub-paragraph (b), an application charge is payable on the making of an application;

(b) the following application charges are payable on demand -

- (i) charges arising under paragraph 10;
- (ii) charges where the application charge is the relevant time and material costs;

(c) subject to sub-paragraph (d), a subsistence charge is payable annually on 1st April;

(d) the following subsistence charges are payable on demand -

- (i) a charge arising in the first year in which a permit is granted or in which the charge becomes payable;
- (ii) any case where the subsistence charge is the relevant time and material costs;

- (iii) any charges arising after 1st April in any year, under paragraphs 14 or 15 of this Scheme;
- (iv) any charge arising under paragraph 13(11)(b) of this Scheme;
- (e) all other charges are payable on demand.

### **Abatement of charges**

5. The Agency may, by notice to the person liable for the charge, waive or reduce any charge specified in this Scheme if it considers it to be significantly disproportionate in a particular case, having regard to the actual costs and expenses incurred or to be incurred by the Agency in relation to a particular application or subsistence period.

### **Inflation**

5A. The following charges under this Scheme shall increase annually on 1 April in each year after the year the Scheme is made, by a sum not exceeding any increase in the Consumer Prices Index published by the Office for National Statistics as at 30 September in the immediately preceding year -

- (a) a charge arising under Paragraph 9(c)
- (b) all charges arising under Table 1.3
- (c) a charge arising under 1.19.3, 1.9.11 or 1.9.12
- (d) all charges arising under Table 2.3

### **Revocation**

6. The following Environment Agency Charging Schemes are revoked for any period on or after 1st April 2022 –

- (a) The Environment Agency (Environmental Permitting) (England) Charging Scheme 2018 which came into effect on 1st April 2018, and all subsequent amendments made to that Scheme, and
- (b) The Environment Agency Scheme of Abstraction Charges 2020 to 2021 which came into effect on 1st April 2021.

## **PART 2: APPLICATION CHARGES**

### **Interpretation of this Part**

7. In this Part -



“administrative application” means an application which the Agency considers to be of a purely administrative nature;

“application activity” means a single activity described in a single sentence in column 2 of the Application Charge Tables;

“application activity charge” means the charge for the relevant type of application described in columns 3 to 8 of the Application Charge Tables, which corresponds to the relevant application activity;

“application amendment” means a request to make an amendment to an application which the Agency considers requires further public consultation;

“asset management plan” means a plan under which the water companies operate for a five year period;

“combined sewer overflow” and “emergency overflow” have the meanings given in Part 1 of the Schedule;

“different terms renewal application” means an application which would be a renewal application but does not meet the conditions in paragraphs (b) and/or (c) of the definition of renewal application;

“enhanced pre-application advice” means advice given by the Agency in relation to a proposed application for a permit, which goes beyond basic assistance and signposting to guidance;

“environmentally beneficial activity” means a water resources activity which the Agency is satisfied is to be carried out on a non-commercial basis, solely for the benefit of the environment and not as a result of any statutory or regulator imposed requirement;

“farming installation” means an installation falling within Section 6.9 of Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations;

“farming review variation” means a variation relating to the review of a permit authorising a farming installation;

“further information notice” means a notice served under paragraph 4 of Part 1 of Schedule 5 to the Regulations;

“habitats assessment” means an assessment of the risks to one or more of the following sites -

- a) a European site within the meaning of the Conservation of Habitats and Species Regulations 2017 site referred to in the National Planning Policy Framework 2023 as requiring the same assessment as a European site;
- b) a site of special scientific interest within the meaning of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 marine conservation zone within the meaning of the Marine and Coastal Access Act 2009;

“high public interest application” means an application which the Agency considers requires enhanced public participation, taking into account in relation to a regulated facility its public participation statement published on Gov.UK under regulation 60 of the Regulations.

“low risk surrender activity” means -

- (a) an activity comprising the permanent deposit of waste, in relation to which the operator has received confirmation from the Agency that a low risk or basic surrender application can be made, in accordance with the guidance titled “Landfill and deposit for recovery activities: aftercare and surrender” published on Gov.UK, or
- (b) any other activity, in relation to which the operator has received confirmation from the Agency that intrusive investigation is not required in accordance with the criteria in box 1 of “Site condition report – guidance and templates”, (H5), version 3, published by the Agency in May 2013;
- (c) a stand-alone groundwater activity consisting of a discharge to a well or borehole where that activity has not been put into operation

“minor variation” means an application to vary a permit which the Agency considers is likely to involve minimal assessment;

“normal variation” means an application to vary a permit which is not a minor variation or a substantial variation;

“open-loop heat pump” means a device that transfers heat or water to, or from, the ground (“ground source heat pump”) or a water body (“water source heat pump”) to provide heating, cooling or hot water for residential, commercial or industrial buildings;

“renewal application” means an application for an abstraction permit or variation which -

is made by the holder of a permit or variation within one year prior to its expiry,

does not request authorisation of an abstraction of a greater volume or from a different point to that authorised by the expiring permit or variation, and

is otherwise subject to materially the same conditions as the expiring permit or variation;

“substantial variation” means an application to vary a permit which the Agency considers is likely to involve significant assessment.

### **Application charges - general**

8. (1) An application charge is payable for an application unless it is –

- (a) an administrative application;
- (b) an application solely to reduce the volume of water authorised under an abstraction permit.

(2) Subject to the other provisions of this Part, the application charge is the total of the application activity charges applicable to all the application activities which are the subject of the application.

(3) Where more than one application activity (other than a flood risk activity) is the subject of an application for a permit, the application activity charge for each activity, except the one for which the largest charge is payable, is reduced by -

(a) 90% for all those activities which -

- (i) fall in the same application activity description;
- (ii) comprise the storage of hazardous waste, incidental to an installation carrying on activities falling within either reference 1.16.1 or 1.16.4 of the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables;
- (iii) comprise the treatment of non-hazardous effluent and its subsequent discharge to sewer where associated with each other;

as part of the same operation, abstract water from the same source of supply, excepting any activity which is the subject of a renewal application or which is an environmentally beneficial activity;

- (iv) comprise the abstraction of water for an open-loop heat pump with any discharge associated with the open-loop heat pump;

(b) 50 % for any other activities which -

- (i) are reasonably associated with each other,

as part of the same operation, abstract water from different sources of supply, excepting any activity which is the subject of a renewal application, or which is an environmentally beneficial activity;

(4) Where more than one application activity which is a flood risk activity is the subject of an application for a permit, the application activity charge for each activity, except the one for which the largest charge is payable, is reduced by 75%.

(5) Where an application is returned because it is not duly made (unless this is due to obvious errors or omissions), the Agency will retain a sum equal to 20% of the application charge, subject to a maximum of £1,500.

### **Application charges – special cases**

9. (1) In the case of the following applications, the application charge is the relevant time and materials costs -

- (a) an application which relates to a specified radioactive substances activity;

- (b) an application which relates to the Agency's functions under the Ship Recycling Facilities Regulations 2015;
  - (c) an application submitted as part of a staged procedure agreed with the Agency;
  - (d) an application to revoke an impounding permit.
- (2) In the case of an application for a permit, where the application is for –
- (a) a default standard facility, the charge is the relevant default standard facility charge;
  - (b) an environmentally beneficial activity, the charge is £1,500 where the activity is the impounding or transfer of water, or £135 in any other case.
- (3) The application charge for registration of a WEEE operation is £1,221.
- (4) The application charge for a renewal application is £135.
- (5) The application charge for a different terms renewal application authorising an environmentally beneficial activity, is £1,500 where the activity is surface water or groundwater abstraction for the transfer of water, and £135 in any other case.
- (6) In the case of an application to vary a permit, where the application is -
- (a) to authorise the operation of an activity which is not already authorised by that permit, the charge is the permit application charge applicable to that activity;
  - (b) to apply standard rules to an activity, the charge is the permit application charge applicable to an activity subject to those standard rules;
  - (c) to vary a permit which authorises only flood risk activities, the applicable charge shall be £68 in the case of a minor variation, and £204 in the case of any other variation;
  - (d) to vary event duration monitoring of combined sewer overflows or emergency overflows for asset management plan 6 or 7, under a permit authorising a water discharge or groundwater activity by a sewerage undertaker, the charge is £903;
  - (e) to remove authorisation to carry on an activity which has not been put into operation, the charge is the lower of £770 or the applicable charge for a minor variation;
  - (f) for a minor variation to a water resources permit, the charge is £830;
  - (g) vary a permit which authorises only an environmentally beneficial activity, the charge is £135.
- (7) In the case of a farming review variation, the charge is £380.
- (8) In the case of an application to transfer a permit, where -

- (a) the application relates to the whole of the permit, the transfer charge is the highest transfer charge applicable to an application activity authorised by the permit;
  - (b) the application relates to only part of the permit, the transfer charge is the total of the highest transfer and highest normal variation charges applicable to an application activity authorised by the permit;
  - (c) more than one application to transfer a permit from a single transferor to a single transferee are made at the same time, the transfer charge for each such application, (except the one for which the largest charge is payable, or any that relate to a radioactive substances activity or a landfill), is reduced by 80%;
  - (d) the application activity falls within references 2.17.11 to 2.17.16 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables and is authorised by a permit which does not require financial provision, the transfer charge is £2,529.
- (9) In the case of an application to surrender a permit or part of a permit -
- (a) the surrender charge is the highest surrender charge applicable to any of the application activities that have at any time been authorised by the permit (or the part of the permit subject to the application), excluding any activities in relation to which surrender has already been accepted;
  - (b) where an activity is a low risk surrender activity, the surrender charge is 20% of the charge that would apply to an application for a permit for that activity.
  - (c) where an activity is a stand-alone groundwater activity consisting of a discharge to a well or borehole which -
    - (i) is used for hydrocarbon exploration or extraction, and
    - (ii) intersects a hydrocarbon formation ,
 the surrender charge is £4,310
- (10) In the case of a regulator initiated variation, the charge is equivalent to the charge that would have been payable if the variation had been made in response to an application.

### **Application charges – additional charges**

10. The following additional charges apply -

- (a) £500, where the Agency incurs or will incur costs in relation to the advertisement of an application made under the Regulations;
- (b) £1,930, in relation to an application amendment;
- (c) the relevant time and materials costs relating to enhanced pre-application advice;

- (d) £1,200, in relation to the service by the Agency of a third or subsequent information notice in relation to the same issue;
- (e) the charges relating to the plans and assessments described in Table 1.19 of the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables, except where consideration of a plan is included in an application activity;
- (f) The relevant time and materials costs relating to –
  - (i) a high public interest application;
  - (ii) an application for an abstraction permit, where another application is also made, or pre-application discussions are commenced, to allow abstraction or impounding of the same water,  
  
to the extent that those costs exceed the application charge;
- (g) In the case of an application for an abstraction permit, or a variation of an abstraction permit –
  - (i) £2,000, where the application is made by a water undertaker carrying out its statutory functions, except where the application is a renewal application or is for a temporary licence or a minor variation;
  - (ii) the costs incurred in relation to the advertisement of the application, plus £100;
  - (iii) £300, where consultation with another statutory authority is required under the Act;
  - (iv) £779, where a habitats assessment is required.

## PART 3: SUBSISTENCE CHARGES

### Interpretation of this Part

11. In this Part –

“aggregate limit” means a limit in a permit which restricts the aggregate volume of water authorised to be abstracted from more than one point under the same permit, or under two or more permits;

“aggregate group permit” means a permit which is part of a group of permits (“aggregate group”) to which a common aggregate limit applies;

“authorised activities” means all those activities authorised by a permit;

“authorised activities charge” means the total of the subsistence activity charges which in combination apply to the authorised activities;

“charitable purposes”, “domestic household” and “type” in relation to a water discharge or groundwater activity, have the meanings given in the Schedule;

“common water abstraction activity” means any two or more water abstraction activities which share common cost factors, where “cost factor” means the following factors used in the Water Resources Subsistence Charge Tables, namely, loss, water availability, modelling and source of supply;

“compliance rating activities” means those authorised activities which are waste operations or installations, excluding waste mobile plant and farming installations falling within reference 2.14.2 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables;

“compliance rating adjustment” means the relevant percentage figure set out in Box 1 below, which corresponds to the compliance rating band (“A” to “F”), accorded to the compliance rating activities by the Agency under the Compliance Rating Guidance on 31st December in the calendar year preceding the year in which the charge is payable, or on the date on which the permit is first granted, if later –

#### Box 1

Compliance rating band	A	B	C	D	E	F
Compliance rating adjustment (%)	95	100	110	125	150	300

“Compliance Rating Guidance” means the guidance titled “Waste operations and installations: assessing and scoring environmental permit compliance” published on Gov.UK;

“deployment application” means an application to locate and operate mobile plant on a site, made under the conditions of the permit authorising the operation of that plant;

“deployment charge” means the charge applicable to an activity set out in the column titled “deployment charge” in the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Table;

“intermittent discharge” means non-continuous sewage discharges from the sewerage network, sewage treatment systems or trade effluent processes where the discharge is to accommodate circumstances outside the full control of the operator;

“materials facility notification” means a notification made by the operator of a materials facility under paragraph 1(2) of Part 2 of Schedule 9 to the Regulations;

“relevant discharge” means a water discharge activity or groundwater activity falling within a description in references 2.3.1 to 2.3.93 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables;

“sewerage undertaker” means a company operating the public waste water sewerage network system and holding an appointment as a sewerage undertaker under the Water Industry Act 1991

“spray or trickle activity” means spray or trickle irrigation authorised by an abstraction permit, provided that any spray irrigation is subject to an agreement with the Agency under section 127 of the Act and any trickle irrigation is subject to an agreement with the Agency, and the permit holder -

uses an approved water meter, installed and maintained to the satisfaction of the Agency, and

submits to the Agency within 28 days of a written request, a daily (or such other frequency agreed in writing by the Agency) meter reading of the quantities of water abstracted and details of pumping and irrigation equipment;

“subsistence activity” means a single activity described in a single sentence in column 2 of the Subsistence Charge Tables, provided that in the case of either a permit with an aggregate limit or an aggregate group permit, either of which authorises common water abstraction activities, the volumes of those common water abstraction activities are aggregated (subject to any applicable aggregate limit) and treated as a single activity;

“subsistence activity charge” means the charge in column 3 of the Subsistence Charge Tables, which corresponds to the relevant subsistence activity, together with –

in the case of an abstraction permit held by a water undertaker carrying out its statutory functions, the relevant additional charge set out in Table 1 of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Schedule, and

in the case of an abstraction permit authorising abstraction from a supported source, the supported source additional charge, set out in Table 2 of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Schedule;

“supported source” means those sources or parts of sources specified in –



- a) the agreement made under section 20 of the Act with Anglian Water Services Limited dated 12th May 1995, or
- b) Table 3 of Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Schedule and [enter link to maps], supported either by the Kielder Reservoir Transfer Scheme (contained in an agreement between the National Rivers Authority and Northumbrian Services), or by any other source,

but excluding abstraction from a supported source authorised by a permit that contains 'hands off flow' conditions which prevent the abstraction from being made at any time during periods of river support and where those conditions cannot affect the magnitude of that support;

“suspension notice” includes a notice under the Environmental Licences (Suspension and Revocation) Regulations 1996;

“volume” in relation to a water abstraction activity means the authorised annual quantity specified in the permit provided that –

- (a) where a permit does not specify an authorised annual quantity, the volume is calculated from the rates of abstraction specified in the permit, and
- (b) where a permit or aggregate group is authorised to abstract over a multi-year period the authorised annual quantity is calculated as the average volume per year derived from that multi-year limit.

### **Application of subsistence charges**

12. (1) Subject to the other provisions of this paragraph, a subsistence charge is payable for the subsistence of a permit, for any full or part financial year during which that permit is in force.

(2) Except in a case where the subsistence charge is the relevant time and materials costs or the authorised activity falls within the Water Resources Subsistence Charge Tables or reference 2.6.19 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables, no subsistence charge is payable until either construction work in relation to, or the operation of, any of the authorised activities has commenced (whichever is the earlier).

(3) In the case of a permit authorising the operation of an activity from a specified date, the subsistence charge is only payable in relation to that activity, for any period following that specified date.

(4) No subsistence charge is payable where a permit authorises only -

- (a) a flood risk activity where no compliance check is carried out in relation to that activity during the financial year,
- (b) a discharge of sewage effluent of a volume of 5 cubic metres or less from a domestic household or an organisation that operates for charitable purposes,
- (a) a water impounding activity, or

a water abstraction activity -

(i) authorised under a temporary or transfer licence,

(ii) authorised by a permit granted to the Agency under section 64 of the Act,

(iii) where the abstraction is -

(a) for direct use in the production of electricity or any other form of power by generating station or apparatus of a capacity of not more than 5 megawatts, or

(b) from inland waters which the Agency or its predecessors has certified as having chloride content in excess of 8,000 milligrams per litre, or

(iv) where the entire abstraction quantity authorised by the permit is the subject of a trading arrangement lasting more than 28 days, but only for the duration of that arrangement.

### **Subsistence charges – general**

13. (1) Subject to the other provisions of this Part, the subsistence charge is the authorised activities charge, multiplied by the compliance rating adjustment (to the extent this applies).

(2) Where any of the authorised activities fall within a description in Table 2.16 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Table, the subsistence activity charges for those activities are -

(a) the highest applicable charge for any installation falling within that Table, and

(b) the highest applicable charge for any other waste operation falling within that Table.

(3) Subject to sub-paragraph (4), where the authorised activities include a water discharge activity or groundwater activity consisting of the discharge of more than one effluent, a subsistence activity charge is payable for each such effluent, whether or not they are discharged together or from one or more outlets.

(4) Except in the case of an intermittent discharge, where the effluents receive treatment together (or having been treated are then joined together for monitoring), the subsistence activity charge is the highest charge applicable to a single discharge of that type, having first aggregated the volumes of all the discharges of that type, unless this results in a higher charge than would otherwise be payable.

(5) Where a permit authorises a relevant discharge for no more than 6 days in each year, the subsistence activity charge is reduced by 44%.

(6) Unless sub-paragraph (5) applies, where a permit prevents a relevant discharge from taking place for a period of at least three consecutive calendar months in a year, the subsistence activity charge is reduced by 4% for each such whole calendar month.

(7) The subsistence charge for the following activities is the relevant time and material costs-

- (a) a specified radioactive substance activity;
- (b) a medium combustion plant or specified generator, unless falling within a reference in Table 2.10 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables.

(8) The subsistence charge for a default standard facility is the relevant default standard facility charge.

(9) Where water abstraction activities that are not common water abstraction activities are subject to an aggregate limit, the authorised activity charge is the total of the highest and the next highest subsistence activity charge(s) that together make up the volume authorised by the aggregate limit.

(10) The authorised activities charge for an aggregate group permit is the relevant proportion of the subsistence activity charge or charges.

(11) Where a permit, or every permit in an aggregate group, only authorises spray or trickle activities, the subsistence charge is the total of -

- (a) 50% of the subsistence charge that would otherwise apply, and
- (b) up to 50% of the subsistence charge that would apply if that remaining charge were based on the ratio of the total volume actually abstracted compared to that authorised during the year for the purposes of the spray or trickle activities.

(12) Where a permit, or every permit in an aggregate group, only authorises water abstraction activities between 1st November and 31st March inclusive in each financial year, the subsistence activity charge is reduced by 50%.

### **Subsistence charges – additional charges**

14. (1) Additional charges apply, consisting of the relevant time and materials costs relating to the following -

- (a) an unplanned event, which causes or gives rise to a risk of significant harm to human health or the environment arising from the authorised activities, unless other cost recovery powers available to the Environment Agency are used;
- (b) a suspension notice, once the decision to suspend has been made;
- (c) an approval or agreement given by the Agency under a permit condition, except where the condition is contained in a permit authorising an activity described in Table 2.6 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables, as “new”;
- (d) the regulation of hydraulic fracturing for the purpose of recovering oil and gas.

(2) The following additional charges apply -

- a) £672, for the first year of the subsistence of a permit where that permit authorises activities falling within a description in Table 2.16 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables;

- b) in relation to a deployment application, the applicable deployment charge;
- c) £2,240 for the relevant year in which a materials facility notification is made, subject to adjustment, pro rata, where the notification is in force for only part of a relevant year.

## Mid-year adjustments

15. The following mid-year adjustments shall be made -

- (a) in the case of a permit which, after the date on which the subsistence charge is payable in any year, is revoked or surrendered, or is varied in such a way as would affect the calculation of the subsistence charge, the charge is adjusted pro rata so that no charge, or the appropriate revised charge, is payable in relation to the period from the date on which the revocation, surrender, or variation (as the case may be), takes effect, but in the case of a permit authorising a water abstraction activity for only part of a year, any adjustment will be made only in relation to that authorised period;
- (b) where the Agency considers that the operation of a subsistence activity, other than a water abstraction activity, which normally takes place on a continuous or repeating basis, is likely to temporarily cease for a period exceeding 12 months, that subsistence charge shall be reduced by 50% pro rata for the period during which the activity remains in temporary cessation, up to a maximum of 2 years;
- (c) in a case where, by reason of a legislative amendment after the date on which the subsistence charge is payable in any year, a subsistence activity ceases to be required to be authorised or where the nature of the requirement to be authorised changes in a way which would affect the calculation of the subsistence charge, the charge is adjusted pro rata from the date of the relevant amendment so that no charge, or the appropriate revised charge, is payable in relation to the period from the date of the amendment.

## PART 4: ENVIRONMENTAL IMPROVEMENT CHARGES

### Interpretation of this Part

16. (1) In this Part -

“environmental improvement charge” means the amount charged for the recovery of compensation costs associated with the revocation or variation of permits under the Act, or with the refusal of applications for, or imposition of conditions constraining abstraction on, permits under the Act determined under the Water Abstraction (Transitional Provisions) Regulations 2017 in relation to the removal of exemptions from abstraction control arising from amendments to sections 26 and 29 of the Act, by the Agency;

“regional charging area” means those areas designated by the Agency and marked on the map titled “Map of Environment Agency regional charge areas” published on Gov.UK;

### Water Resource Management compensation funds

17. (1) In the case of permits granted under the Act, where the holder is not a water undertaker, an environmental improvement charge is payable, except in the cases of charges applying for the regional charging areas of North West, South West (including Wessex) and Thames;

(2) The environmental improvement charge is calculated for each regional charging area by applying the % increase shown below to the applicable subsistence charge.

Regional Charging Area	Environmental Improvement Charge (%)
Anglian	0
Midlands	0
Northumbria	0
North West	31
Southern	0
South West (including Wessex)	66
Thames	41
Yorkshire	0
Dee	0
Wye	0

(3) In the case of permits granted under the Act that authorise the abstraction of water from a supported source, the relevant supported source charge set out in the Table in Chapter 4 of Part 2 of the Schedule is disregarded when calculating the subsistence activity charge and the resulting environmental improvement charge.

(4) Where reductions in the relevant subsistence activity charge are applied as a result of paragraph 13(12) of this Scheme (Winter only reduction), the application of s126 (abatements) and s130 (CRT) of the Act shall also be applied in the calculation of the environmental improvement charge.

## **SCHEDULE: Tables of Charges**

### **PART 1: Environmental Permitting Charges Tables**

#### **Chapter 1: General**

##### **Interpretation**

1. (1) In this Schedule

“ammonia modelling assessment”, “dust and bio-aerosol management plan”, “emissions management plan”, “fire prevention plan”, “noise and vibration management plan”, “odour management plan” and “pests management plan” mean the assessments and plans with those titles described in guidance published by the Agency on Gov.UK;

“aquaculture discharge” means a discharge from sites for the cultivation of fish or plants (such as fish or cress farms), not containing sewage effluent;

“BAT reference document” and “emission levels associated with the best available techniques” have the meanings given in the Industrial Emissions Directive;

“category 5 sealed source” has the meaning given in “How to apply for an environmental permit (Part RSR-B1) – standard facility”, version 1, April 2010;

“charitable purposes” has the meaning given in section 2 of the Charities Act 2011;

“closed landfill” means a landfill which

- (a) ceased accepting waste for disposal before the implementation of the Landfill Directive on 16th July 2001;
- (b) was granted a permit under the Landfill Directive and is now definitely closed; or

(c) was not granted a permit under the Landfill Directive and is definitely closed or working towards definite closure in accordance with the transitional arrangements in article 14 of the Landfill Directive;

“combined sewer overflows” includes any overflows related to rainfall events from a sewerage network or system and any overflows from storm tank effluent discharges containing sewage;

“component” means

(a) in relation to an activity falling within Section 6.8, a component described in the Food and Drink Component Table in Part 4 of this Schedule, or

(b) in relation to an activity falling within Section 6.1, a component described in the Paper and Pulp Component Table in Part 4 of this Schedule;

“cooling water” means discharges of water used directly and indirectly for temperature reduction purposes that does not come into contact with any other process or effluent so as to change its content or polluting nature, and does not contain specific substances;

“domestic household” means any premises which is defined as a domestic property under section 66 of the Local Government Finance Act 1988 or any premises which is exempt from non-domestic rates under Schedule 5 to that Act;

“emergency overflow” or “emergency sewage discharge” means any authorised discharges in an emergency of sewage or trade effluent;

“existing”, in relation to an activity falling within Table 2.6 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables, means an activity which has been operating for at least 2 years since the date the Agency agreed that commissioning had been successfully concluded; and “new” in relation to such an activity means one which is not “existing”;

“flood defence” means a structure built or used for flood defence purposes;

“high complexity” has the meaning given in Annex 1 of “How to apply for an environmental permit (Radioactive Substances Activity) Part RSR F – Charges and Declarations”, version 3, April 2018;

“inert mining waste operation” means a mining waste operation which involves the management of only inert extractive waste;



“integrated or multi product mill” means a mill producing more than one product and where a mixing calculation is required to determine the emission levels associated with the best available techniques for the installation;

“land spreading of biocides” means all non-point source liquid discharges or disposals of biocide washings onto land;

“land spreading of disinfectants” means all non-point source liquid discharges or disposals of disinfectant washings onto land;

“land spreading of pesticides” means all non-point source liquid discharges or disposals of pesticide washings onto land;

“land spreading of sheep dip” means all non-point source liquid discharges or disposals of sheep dip onto land;

“line” in Table 2.6 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables means an incineration line;

“local authority activity” means a Part A (2) activity, a Part B activity or a small waste incineration plant, in relation to which the Agency is the regulator, including by virtue of a direction made under regulation 33;

“low impact installation” means a Part A(1) installation which, in the opinion of the Agency, cannot result in emissions or there is no likelihood that it will result in emissions except in a quantity which is so trivial that it is incapable of causing pollution or its capacity to cause pollution is insignificant;

“MWth” means the net rated thermal input of an appliance which is the rate at which fuel can be burned at the maximum continuous rating of an appliance multiplied by the net calorific value of the fuel and then expressed in MW;

“non-inert mining waste operation” means a mining waste operation which involves the management of non-hazardous non-inert or hazardous extractive waste (as well as any inert waste), but a mining waste operation which includes a Category A mining waste facility or a mining waste facility involving the management of hazardous waste is not an inert mining waste operation or a non-inert mining waste operation;

“non-sewage effluent” means, where used in Table 1.3 of the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables or Table 2.3 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables, an effluent which does not fall within the description of any other effluent in those Tables;

“numeric permit condition” means, in relation to Table 2.3 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables, any permit condition which prescribes a maximum or minimum concentration of any substance or parameter in a permitted discharge, excluding flow;

“OSM” means operator self-monitoring, whereby the operator rather than the Agency carries out routine effluent quality compliance monitoring to standards specified in permits;

“population equivalent” has the meaning given in the Urban Waste Water Treatment (England and Wales) Regulations 1994;

“rainfall related” means discharges of site drainage, groundwater and storm water, not containing sewage effluent nor pollutants containing specific substances other than iron;

“specific substances assessment” means an assessment of an application for a permit or variation of a permit, where discharges contain or are likely to contain specific substances;

“specific substances” means

- (a) in relation to Table 1.3 of the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables –
  - (i) for a groundwater activity, hazardous substances (as defined by paragraph 4 of Schedule 22 to the Regulations) and / or non-hazardous pollutants (as defined by paragraph 5 of Schedule 22 to the Regulations), with the exception of discharges that only contain or are only likely to contain as their primary pollutants, heat, biological entities or micro-organisms, ammoniacal nitrogen or ammonium and suspended solids;
  - (ii) for a water discharge activity, priority hazardous substances, priority substances or other pollutants as defined by the Environmental Quality Standards Directive (EQSD) (2008/105/EC, as amended by 2013/39/EU), specific pollutants as defined by the Water Framework Directive (Standards and Classification) Directions (England and Wales) 2015 or other substances which were listed in Annex 8 of the Water Framework Directive (2000/60/EC) and transposed into UK legislation through the Water Framework Directive (Standards and Classification) Directions (England and Wales) 2015 Part 6 of the River Basin Districts Typology, Standards and Groundwater threshold values (Water Framework Directive) (England and Wales) Directions 2010,, or any other substances which the Agency considers requires assessment because of its bioaccumulative, toxic or ecotoxicological properties, or any other properties which the Agency considers present a risk to the aquatic environment;

- (b) in relation to Table 2.3 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables all those substances described in paragraph (a), provided they are the subject of an emission limit in the permit together with pesticides including organotins, fungicides, herbicides, polyhalogenated biphenyls, polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons, aliphatic hydrocarbons, aromatic hydrocarbons, halogenated hydrocarbons including haloforms, alcohols, aromatic nitrogen compounds, phenolic compounds, heterocyclic hydrocarbons, esters, ethers, ketones, aldehydes, metals and metalloids, cyanides, sulphides, glycols (including total and poly), carboxylic acids, organic nitrogen compounds (other than those above and with the exception of urea and quaternary ammonium salts), and viruses;

“specified discharge” means a discharge in relation to which no volume is specified in the permit, or taken to be in the permit for the purposes of this Scheme;

“SR” means standard rules, and “(Superseded) SR” means standard rules which became unavailable to new applicants before 1st April 2022;

“stand-alone directly associated activity” means an activity which is not described in Part 2 of Schedule 1 to the Regulations and is authorised by a different permit to the remainder of the installation;

“surface water” means any inland freshwaters, coastal waters or relevant territorial waters as defined in section 104 of the Act;

“thermal discharge” means discharges from heat pumps and heat exchangers;

“type” in relation to a water discharge and groundwater activity, means an activity which falls within one of the following groups of activities, identified by the reference numbers in the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables -

(a) references 2.3.1 to 2.3.20;

(b) references 2.3.21 to 2.3.59;

(c) references 2.3.60 to 2.3.62;

(d) references 2.3.63 to 2.3.65;

- (e) references 2.3.66 to 2.3.67;
- (f) references 2.3.68 to 2.3.71;
- (g) references 2.3.72 to 2.3.74;
- (h) references 2.3.75 to 2.3.80;
- (i) references 2.3.81 to 2.3.91
- (j) references 2.3.92 to 2.3.93

“volume” in the context of water discharge and groundwater activities means the maximum daily volume where this is specified in the permit, or otherwise is taken to be -

- (a) in the case of effluents containing sewage -
  - (i) the flow to full treatment as specified in the permit,
  - (ii) where no flow to full treatment is specified but an average daily flow is specified, 2.4 times the average daily flow,
  - (iii) where neither flow to full treatment nor an average daily flow are specified, but dry weather flow is specified, 3 times that dry weather flow;
- (b) in the case of other effluents, where an average daily flow is specified in the permit, that flow, except where the discharge may contain rainfall in which case the volume shall be taken to be 3 times the dry weather flow,

and where a permit authorises a water discharge activity or groundwater activity and the volume in permit conditions is expressed as “population equivalent”, the volume will be calculated based on 150 litres per population equivalent per day.

“waste recovery plan” means a plan submitted to the Agency in order to demonstrate that a proposed activity is a waste recovery operation within the meaning of the Waste Framework Directive.

(2) In this Schedule -

- (a) references in column 2 of a Table in this Schedule to a Section number, mean a Section number in Part 2 of Schedule 1 of the Regulations, and an activity description preceded by a Section number means an activity falling within that Section;
- (b) activities described in Table 1.11 of the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables or 2.11 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables, do not include any activities connected with exploring for, or the production of, on shore oil and gas;
- (c) activities described in Table 2.16 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables as a “waste operation” mean a waste operation which is not an installation, and activities described without reference to whether they are an installation or a waste operation, may be either an installation or a waste operation which is not an installation;
- (d) activities described in Table 2.6 of the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables do not include any treatment of incinerator bottom ash or the operation of an effluent treatment plant.

## Chapter 2: Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables

1. These are the Environmental Permitting Application Charge Tables referred to in this Scheme

**Table 1.3 Water discharge and groundwater activities**

Ref	Activity	Permit application	Minor variation	Normal variation	Substantial variation
1.3.1	SR 2010 No.2 - discharge to surface water: cooling water and heat exchangers	£1,229	£369	N/A	N/A
1.3.2	SR 2010 No.3 - discharge to surface water: secondary treated domestic sewage with a maximum daily volume between 5 and 20m <sup>3</sup> a day	£1,229	£369	N/A	N/A
1.3.3	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to and including 5m <sup>3</sup> a day to surface water from domestic households or organisations operating for charitable purposes; includes habitats assessment	£125	£125	£125	£125
1.3.4	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to and including 5m <sup>3</sup> a day to groundwater from domestic households or organisations operating for charitable purposes; includes habitats assessment	£125	£125	£125	£125
1.3.5	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to and including 5m <sup>3</sup> a day to surface water	£2,434	£730	£1,217	£2,190
1.3.6	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to and including 5m <sup>3</sup> a day to groundwater	£2,647	£794	£1,324	£2,382
1.3.7	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 15m <sup>3</sup> a day to groundwater	£4,269	£1,281	£2,135	£3,842
1.3.8	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 15m <sup>3</sup> a day to groundwater	£10,062	£3,019	£5,031	£9,056
1.3.9	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50m <sup>3</sup> a day to surface water	£6,463	£1,939	£3,232	£5,817

Ref	Activity	Permit application	Minor variation	Normal variation	Substantial variation
1.3.10	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50m <sup>3</sup> a day to surface water	£10,062	£3,019	£5,031	£9,056
1.3.11	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent and/or rainfall related discharge to surface water or groundwater with a volume up to and including 5m <sup>3</sup> a day	£3,615	£1,084	£1,807	£3,253
1.3.12	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent and/or rainfall related discharges to surface water or groundwater with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day	£7,183	£2,155	£3,591	£6,464
1.3.13	Cooling water or thermal discharge to groundwater	£7,445	£2,233	£3,722	£6,700
1.3.14	Cooling water or thermal discharge to surface water	£8,427	£2,528	£4,214	£7,585
1.3.15	Heat transfer from closed-loop ground source heating and cooling systems from domestic or community buildings (includes habitats assessment)	£3,543	£1,063	£1,772	£3,189
1.3.16	Heat transfer from closed-loop ground source heating and cooling systems	£5,083	£1,525	£2,542	£4,575
1.3.17	Aquaculture	£7,888	£2,366	£3,944	£7,099
1.3.18	Sewerage network and sewage treatment works storm sewage	£10,038	£3,011	£5,019	£9,034
1.3.19	Emergency overflows.	£10,038	£3,011	£5,019	£9,034
1.3.20	Land spreading of sheep dip, pesticides, biocides and disinfectants	£4,063	£1,219	£2,031	£3,657
1.3.21	The burial of human remains or non-waste solid discharges to land	£4,475	£1,343	£2,238	£4,028

**Table 1.19 Charges for plans and assessments**

Ref	Plan or assessment	Charge
1.19.1	Waste recovery plan or variation or revision of a waste recovery plan.	£1,231
1.19.2	Habitats assessment (except where the application activity is a flood risk activity, water discharge or groundwater activity)	£779
1.19.3	Habitats assessment for discharges to water and groundwater activities	£2,035
1.19.4	Fire prevention plan (except where the application activity is a farming installation).	£1,241
1.19.5	Pests management plan (except where the application activity is a farming installation).	£1,241
1.19.6	Emissions management plan (except where the application activity is a farming installation)	£1,241
1.19.7	Odour management plan (except where the application activity is a farming installation)	£1,246
1.19.8	Noise and vibration management plan (except where the application activity is a farming installation)	£1,246
1.19.9	Ammonia modelling assessment.	£620
1.19.10	Dust and bio-aerosol management plan.	£620
1.19.11	Specific Substances Assessment for a water discharge activity to surface water	£3,774
1.19.12	Specific Substances Assessment for a groundwater activity	£1,546



### Chapter 3: Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge Tables

1. This is the Environmental Permitting Subsistence Charge table referred to in this Scheme

**Table 2.3 Water discharge and groundwater activities**

Ref	Activity	Subsistence Charge
2.3.1	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 500,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£102,730
2.3.2	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 150,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 500,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£59,765
2.3.3	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 150,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 500,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£56,306
2.3.4	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to including 150,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£36,797
2.3.5	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 150,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£32,109
2.3.6	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£19,256
2.3.7	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£17,524
2.3.8	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£9,277
2.3.9	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000 m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£8,380
2.3.10	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 500m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£4,441
2.3.11	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 500m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000 m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£3,431
2.3.12	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 500m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£3,353

Ref	Activity	Subsistence Charge
2.3.13	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 500m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£2,379
2.3.14	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£1,889
2.3.15	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£1,590
2.3.16	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50m <sup>3</sup> a day. Specified discharge consisting of sewage effluent.	£1,592
2.3.17	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM. Specified discharge consisting of sewage effluent with OSM.	£1,253
2.3.18	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day. SR 2010 No.3 - discharge to surface water: secondary treated domestic sewage with a maximum daily volume between 5 and 20 m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£888
2.3.19	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£813
2.3.20	Sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to 5m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£247
2.3.21	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£62,513
2.3.22	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£58,527
2.3.23	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£31,746
2.3.24	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£29,753
2.3.25	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions.	£19,637

Ref	Activity	Subsistence Charge
2.3.26	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions with OSM.	£18,441
2.3.27	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£28,885
2.3.28	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£26,892
2.3.29	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£14,804
2.3.30	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£13,807
2.3.31	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions.	£9,317
2.3.32	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions with OSM.	£8,719
2.3.33	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£12,740
2.3.34	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£11,743
2.3.35	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£6,584
2.3.36	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£6,085
2.3.37	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions.	£4,267
2.3.38	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions with OSM.	£3,968
2.3.39	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£9,267
2.3.40	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£8,271

Ref	Activity	Subsistence Charge
2.3.41	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£4,741
2.3.42	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£4,243
2.3.43	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions.	£3,130
2.3.44	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions with OSM.	£2,831
2.3.45	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100 m <sup>3</sup> a day. Specified discharge consisting of trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances.	£3,769
2.3.46	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM. Specified discharge consisting of trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with OSM.	£3,400
2.3.47	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day. Specified discharge consisting of trade effluent or non-sewage effluent.	£1,905
2.3.48	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM. Specified discharge consisting of trade effluent or no-sewage effluent with OSM.	£1,739
2.3.49	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions. Specified discharge consisting of trade effluent or non-sewage effluent with no numeric permit conditions.	£1,388
2.3.50	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions, with OSM. Specified discharge consisting of trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with no numeric permit conditions, with OSM.	£1,288

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2.3.51	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£1,993
2.3.52	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day, with OSM.	£1,910
2.3.53	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£915
2.3.54	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day with OSM.	£874
2.3.55	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions.	£668
2.3.56	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions, with OSM.	£623
2.3.57	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with specific substances with a volume up to 5m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£1,533
2.3.58	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to 5m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£427
2.3.59	Trade effluent and/or non-sewage effluent discharge with a volume up to 5m <sup>3</sup> a day with no numeric permit conditions.	£272
2.3.60	Land spreading of up to and including 5m <sup>3</sup> a year of undiluted working strength waste/used sheep dip.	£267
2.3.61	Land spreading of greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> a year undiluted working strength waste/used sheep dip.	£938
2.3.62	Land spreading of any volume of waste/used pesticides/used biocides/disinfectant washwaters a year.	£357
2.3.63	The burial of upto and including 1,430 human remains or non-waste solid deposits into/onto land up to and including 100 tonnes a year	£288
2.3.64	The burial of greater than 1,431 human remains or non-waste solid deposits into/onto land greater than 100 tonnes and up to and including 15,000 tonnes a year;	£905
2.3.65	Non-waste solid deposits into/onto land greater than 15,000 tonnes a year	£5,288
2.3.66	Sewerage network and sewage treatment works combined sewer overflows.	£1,302
2.3.67	Emergency overflow discharge.	£395

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2.3.68	Rainfall related discharge with no specific substances with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£3,950
2.3.69	Rainfall related discharge with no specific substances with a volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£1,956
2.3.70	Rainfall related discharges with no specific substances with a volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day. Specified discharge which is rainfall related.	£815
2.3.71	Rainfall related discharge with no specific substances with a volume up to and including 20m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£209
2.3.72	Aquaculture discharge with a volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£4,493
2.3.73	Aquaculture discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£1,371
2.3.74	Aquaculture discharge with a volume up to and including 100m <sup>3</sup> a day. Specified discharge consisting of aquaculture discharge.	£226
2.3.75	Cooling water discharge with a volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day.	£4,284
2.3.76	Cooling water discharge with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day and up to and including 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day. SR 2010 No.2 - discharge to surface water: cooling water and heat exchangers.	£939
2.3.77	Cooling water discharge with a volume up to 100m <sup>3</sup> a day. Specified discharge consisting of cooling water.	£230
2.3.78	Thermal discharges with a volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> a day	£143
2.3.79	Transfer of heat to or from the environment via closed loop ground source heating and cooling systems, from domestic households or community buildings	£103
2.3.80	Transfer of heat to or from the environment via closed loop ground source heating and cooling systems	£143
2.3.81	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 500,000m <sup>3</sup> a day	£170,323
2.3.82	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 150,000m <sup>3</sup> and up to 500,000m <sup>3</sup> a day	£94,317

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2.3.83	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 50,000m <sup>3</sup> and up to 150,000m <sup>3</sup> a day	£55,412
2.3.84	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 10,000m <sup>3</sup> and up to 50,000m <sup>3</sup> a day	£31,752
2.3.85	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 1,000m <sup>3</sup> and up to 10,000m <sup>3</sup> a day	£14,569
2.3.86	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 500m <sup>3</sup> and up to 1,000m <sup>3</sup> a day	£6,930
2.3.87	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 100m <sup>3</sup> and up to 500m <sup>3</sup> a day	£5,238
2.3.88	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 50m <sup>3</sup> and up to 100m <sup>3</sup> a day	£3,852
2.3.89	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 20m <sup>3</sup> and up to 50m <sup>3</sup> a day	£3,390
2.3.90	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume greater than 5m <sup>3</sup> and up to 20m <sup>3</sup> a day	£2,260
2.3.91	Sewage effluent: sewerage undertaker with a discharge volume up to 5m <sup>3</sup> a day	£1,624
2.3.92	Storm sewage discharge: sewerage undertaker	£2,357
2.3.93	Emergency sewage discharge: sewerage undertaker	£1,154