Response form

Proposals for new and amended standard rules for flood risk activities

We welcome your views on our proposals for new and amended standard rules. In particular, we wish to understand whether you feel the amendments will increase your use of flood risk activity standard rules permits. Please use this form if you are responding by email or post rather than online.

Please complete the questions and where there is a free text field, give as much information as possible to support your answer.

**How we will use your information**

The Environment Agency will look to make all responses publicly available during and after the consultation, unless you have specifically requested that we keep your response confidential.

We will not publish names of individuals who respond.

We will also publish a summary of responses on our website in which we will publish the name of the organisation for those responses made on behalf of organisations.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, we may be required to publish your response to this consultation, but will not include any personal information. If you have requested your response to be kept confidential, we may still be required to provide a summary of it.

The Environment Agency is the data controller for the personal data you provide. For further information on how we deal with your personal data please see our Personal Information Charter on gov.uk (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency/about/personal-information-charter>) or contact our Data Protection team.

Address: Data Protection team, Environment Agency, Horizon House, Deanery Road, Bristol, BS1 5AH

Email: dataprotection@environment-agency.gov.uk

Returning your response

The consultation will run for 8 weeks from Friday 16 November 2018.

The closing date for responses is Friday 11 January 2019. Any responses we receive after this date will not be included in the analysis.

We would like you to use this form if you are not submitting your response online. You can return it by email to joe.march@environment-agency.gov.uk using the heading Flood Risk Activity: Standard Rules.

Please use this email address if you have any questions regarding this consultation.

Or by post to:

Environment Agency, Ghyll Mount, Gillan Way, Penrith, CUMBRIA, CA11 9BP

Section 1: About you

To help us analyse the responses we receive we’d like to understand more about you and, if applicable, type of business you own, operate or represent.

Q1. Please tell us if you are responding as an individual or on behalf of an organisation or group.

Please select one answer only from the following options:

□ Responding as an individual

□ Responding on behalf of an organisation or group

If you're responding on behalf of an organisation or group, please tell us who you are responding on behalf of.

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Please tell us which sector you

Q2. Keeping up to date

The Environment Agency would like to keep you informed about the outcomes of the consultation. If you would like to receive an email acknowledging your response and be notified that the summary of responses has been published please give us your email address below.

Your email address: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

By providing us with your email address you consent for us to email you about the consultation. We will keep your details until we have notified you of the response document publication.

We will not share your details with any other third party without your explicit consent unless required to by law.

You can withdraw your consent to receive these emails at any time by contacting us at:

joe.march@environment-agency.gov.uk

Q3. Can we publish your response? We will not publish any personal information or parts of your response that will reveal your identity.

 □ Yes

 □ No

If you do not want us to publish your response, you need to tell us why.

Q4. Please tell us how you found out about this consultation?

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| □ From the Environment Agency | □ Social media e.g. Facebook, Twitter |
| □ From another organisation | □ Through a meeting you attended |
| □ Through an organisation/group/club you’re a member of | □ Other (please specify) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_  |

Section 2: Your views

We would like your views on our proposals for new and amended standard rules. In particular, we wish to understand whether you feel the amendments will increase your use of flood risk activity standard rules permits and your views on how they may affect the environment and flood risks.

Q1a. Do you agree that the proposed amendments to the existing standard rules will make obtaining them more achievable?

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| Standard Rule | Strongly agree | Agree | Neither agree or disagree | Disagree | Strongly disagree  | No Opinion |
|  SR2015 No.26: temporary dewatering affecting up to 20 metres of a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No 27: Constructing an outfall pipe of 300mm to 500mm diameter through a headwall into a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.28: installing a clear span bridge on a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.29: temporary storage within the flood plain of a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.30: temporary diversion of a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.31: channel habitat structure made of natural materials |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.32: installing a access culvert of no more than 5 metres length |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.33: repairing and protecting up to 20 metres of the bank of a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.34: temporary scaffolding affecting up to 20 metres length of a main river |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.35: excavating a wetland or pond in a main river floodplain |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.36: installing and using site investigation boreholes and temporary trial pits within a main river floodplain for a period of up to 4 weeks |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| SR2015 No.38: removing a total of 100 metres of exposed gravel from bars and shoals |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Q1b. Please provide further information to support your answer.

Q2a. Do you agree with the proposed amendments to the standard rules?

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Q2b. Please provide further information to support your answer.

Q3a. Do you agree that the proposed amendments to the existing standard rules will encourage you to use this permit type?

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Q3b. Please provide further information to support your answer

Q4a. Do you agree that the proposed amendments maintain the mitigations considered for flood risk?

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Q4b. Please provide further information to support your answer.

Q5a. Do you agree that the proposed amendments maintain the mitigations considered for environmental risks?

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Q5b. Please provide further information to support your answer

Q6a. Will you use any of the new standard rules for flood risk activities?

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| Proposed standard rule | Yes | No | Maybe | No Opinion |
| Water Gates |  |  |  |  |
| Mooring Piles |  |  |  |  |
| Steps, ramps and other similar structures excavated into the existing bank profile |  |  |  |  |

Q6b. Please provide further information to support your answer.

Q7. Please tell us if there are any other flood risk activities you think should be considered for standard rules. Please explain your thoughts, detailing the specific activity.

Section 3: Other comments

Q8. Please tell us if you have any further comments that have not been covered by the previous questions and provide as much information as possible to support your answer.