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Mae Polisi ac Arfer Asiantaeth yr Amgylchedd ar gyfer Gwarchod Dŵr Daear yn darparu fframwaith ar sail perygl er mwyn gwerthuso cynigion ar gyfer datblygiadau tir a allai gael effaith ar y dŵr daear sydd dan yr wyneb. Mae hyn yn cael ei atgyfnerthu gan nifer o arfau technegol sy'n caniatáu asesiad manylach o'r peryglon i ddŵr daear. Un o'r arfau hyn yw dynodi parthau gwarchod tarddleodd o amgylch safleoedd tynnu dŵr ar gyfer y

cyflenwad cyhoeddus a thargedau sensitif eraill.

Mae Canolfan Genedlaethol Dŵr Daear a Thir wedi'i Lygru wedi hwyluso diffinio oddeutu 1500 o barthau gwarchod i fformat cyson a dibynadwy. Defnyddiwyd modelau mathemategol megis FLOWPATH a MODFLOW/MODPATH yn y mwyafrif o achosion lle bynnag y bo digon o ddata i ganiatáu datblygu model hydroddaearegol cysyniadol ar gyfer ardal. Mae'r Ganolfan yn cynghori ar

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The Environment Agency's Policy and Practice for the Protection of Groundwater provides a risk-based framework for evaluating proposals of land developments that may impact on the underlying groundwater. It is underpinned by a number of technical tools which allow more focussed assessment of the risks to groundwater. One of these tools is the designation of source protection zones around public supply abstractions and other sensitive targets.

The National Groundwater and Contaminated Land Centre has facilitated the definition of around 1500 protection zones to a reliable and consistent format. Mathematical models such as FLOWPATH and MODFLOW/MODPATH have been used in the majority of cases wherever there is sufficient data to allow a conceptual hydrogeological model to be developed for an area. The Centre advises on model applicability and co-ordinates activity in this area. In each case, three zones are defined around a particular site based on travel times of the groundwater (Zone I = 50

ba fodelau sy'n gymwys ac yn cyd-drefnu gweithgarwch yn y maes hwn. Ym mhob achos, diffinnir tri pharth o gwmpas safle arbennig ar sail amseroedd teithio'r dŵr daear (Parth I = 50 diwrnod, Parth II - 400 diwrnod) a chyfanswm arwynebedd y

dalgylch y tynnir dŵr ohono (Parth III). Mae'r rhain yn cael eu storio ar ffurf ddigidol a gellir eu harddangos hefyd ar fapiau papur trwy ddefnyddio systemau gwybodaeth daearyddol (GIS)

Mae'r parthau gwarchod dŵr daear dynodedig yn arwydd bod bygythiadau



days; Zone II = 400 days) and the total catchment area of the abstraction (Zone III). These are stored in digitised format and can also be displayed on

paper maps using geographical information systems (GIS).

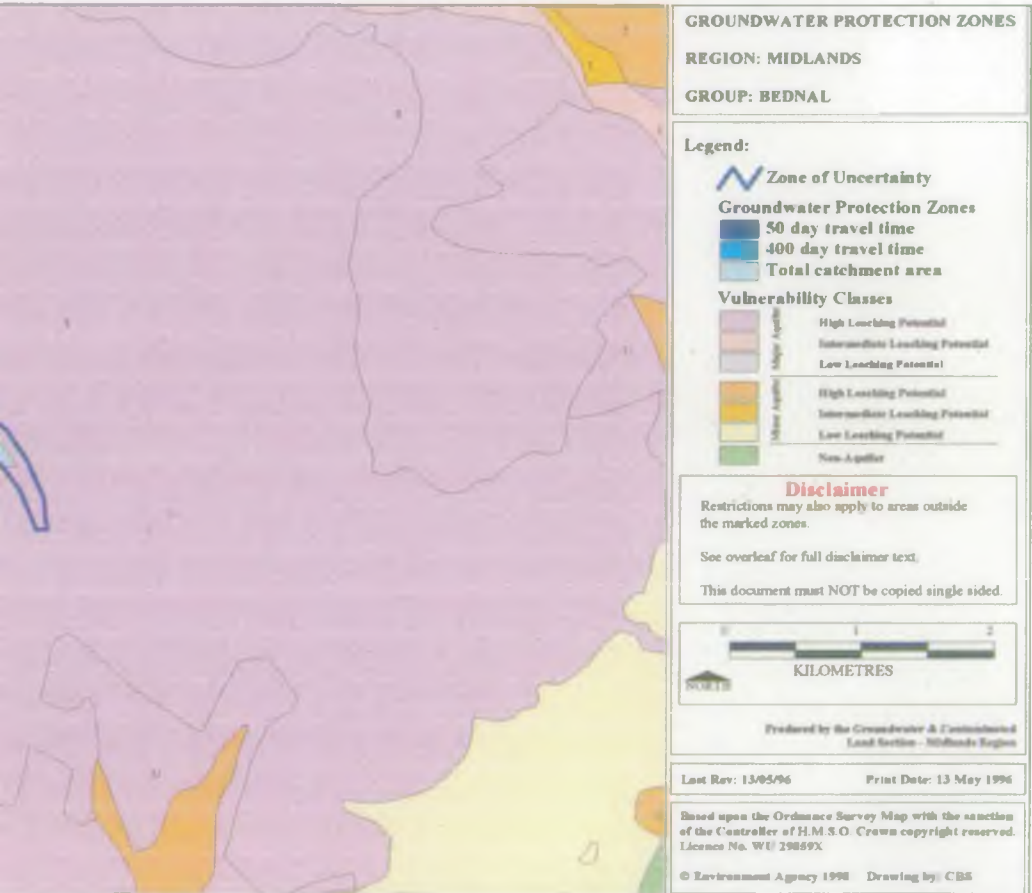
The designated groundwater protection zones are a signal that,

penodol i ddŵr daear, o fewn ardaloedd dynodedig. Mae'r parthau eu hunain yn cael eu monitro er mwyn sicrhau eu bod yn cael eu cadw'n gyfredol wrth i amodau newid neu wrth i fwy o wybodaeth fod ar gael. Bydd y model presennol yn cael

ei fireinio a'r parth yn cael ei ail-lunio lle bo'r angen.

Ymysg y materion a allai ysgogi ailwerthusiad o unrhyw un o'r parthau y mae'r canlynol:

- Newidiadau mewn patrymau tynnu dŵr (e.e. gan Gwmnïau Dŵr),



within specified areas, there are particular threats to groundwater. The zones themselves are monitored to ensure that they are kept up to date as

conditions change or more information becomes available, where necessary the existing model will be refined and the zone redrawn.

- Cyhoeddi data newydd am ardal,
- Cynlluniau ar y cyd rhwng yr Asiantaeth a thirfeddianwyr neu ddatblygwyr.

Mae mwy o wybodaeth ar gael mewn nifer o lawlyfrau arweiniol:

“Guide to Groundwater Protection Zones in England and Wales”, ISBN 0 11 310104

(ar gael gan The Stationery Office)

“Groundwater Protection for Small Sources”



Issues which may trigger re-appraisal of a zone include:

- Changes in abstraction patterns (e.g. by Water Companies),
- Publication of new data about an area,
- Joint initiatives between the Agency and land-owners or developers.

Further information is available in a number of guidance manuals:

“Guide to groundwater protection zones in England and Wales”

ISBN 0 11 310104 (available from The Stationery Office)

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