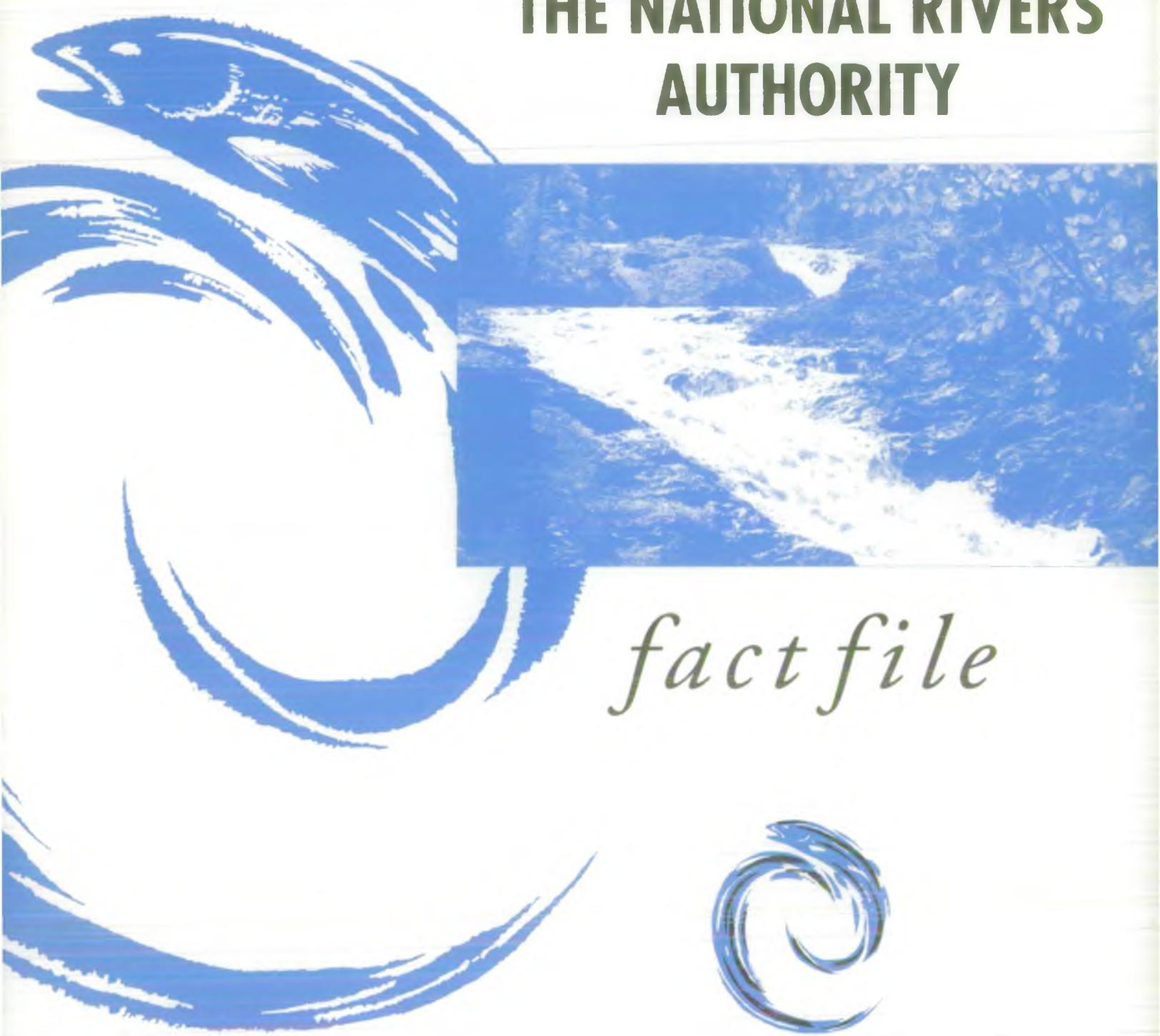


# THE NATIONAL RIVERS AUTHORITY



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The National Rivers Authority, which was formed under the 1989 Water Act, is a major environmental protection agency for England and Wales.

It works to protect and improve the quality of rivers and coastal waters.

### The NRA's duties include:

- Monitoring water quality and controlling pollution through strict regulation of discharges to water.
- Managing and safeguarding water resources and all other users by controlling those who take water from rivers, lakes and from underground sources.
- Protecting people and property from flooding.
- Maintaining, improving and developing fisheries in inland waters.
- Promoting the conservation of the water environment.
- Promoting recreational activities on and around rivers.

The NRA is answerable to Parliament through the Secretary of State for the Environment. The authority is headed by a board made up of 12 people from a wide range of backgrounds.

Ten of the board members each have responsibility for one of the NRA's regions and are chairmen of their Regional Advisory Boards.

The North West board member is Julian Taylor.

This board oversees and directs NRA policy across the ten

regions which cover the whole of England and Wales.

Each NRA region is managed by a Regional General Manager who heads a management team which is responsible for the main functions and support services in that region.

The North West region employs over 850 people and the Regional General Manager is Dr Chris Harpley.

The region has three statutory committees which meet regularly and play an important role in planning the region's work and policy. These are:

### The Regional Flood Defence Committee

This committee oversees the work of the NRA in carrying out its flood defence and land drainage duties.

### The Regional Rivers Advisory Committee

This is composed of members from a wide range of relevant backgrounds who advise the NRA on river management.

### The Regional Fisheries Advisory Committee

Again this committee is made up of members with fisheries experience who advise the NRA on fisheries policy.

The North West Region also has a **Regional Advisory Board** on which the Regional General Manager and the three committee chairmen sit.

For further information on the National Rivers Authority, please contact the Public Relations Department on 0925 53999.

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