

# PROPOSED SCHEME OF CHARGES IN RESPECT OF APPLICATIONS FOR CONSENT TO DISCHARGE TO CONTROLLED WATERS

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### NOTICE FOR PROPOSALS FOR CHARGES SCHEME

Notice is hereby given that the National Rivers Authority proposes to make a scheme pursuant to its powers under Paragraph 9 of Schedule 12 to the Water Act 1989 requiring the payment of charges where an application is made for a consent to a discharge into controlled waters for the purpose of the 1989 Act or such a consent is imposed by the Authority. Such charges will be payable by the person applying for a consent or, where the consent is imposed, the person authorised to do anything by virtue of the consent.

Representations or objections to the proposals may be made to the Secretary of State for the Environment at:

**Department of the Environment  
Room A 401 Romney House,  
43 Marsham Street,  
London SW1P 3PY**

**BEFORE 15 AUGUST 1990**

A copy of the proposed scheme may be obtained free of charge by writing to:

**P. O Box No. 1461,  
National Rivers Authority,  
550 Streetsbrook Road,  
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or inspected free of charge at any NRA Regional Office.



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*National Rivers Authority*  
**GUARDIANS OF  
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# DISCHARGE TO CONTROLLED WATERS

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

### INTRODUCTION

The National Rivers Authority has to commit major expenditure on determining, issuing and monitoring compliance with the discharge consents. This is one of the NRA's most important functions. The work was formerly funded by the environmental services charges levied on all rate payers by the former water authorities. These charges have now been terminated. The funding of this work is to come in future mainly from charges to dischargers as they apply for and hold consents.

The Government consultation paper 'Paying for Water Pollution Control' outlined a proposed framework of charges to be applied by the National Rivers Authority. This suggested a two element charging system:

- (a) to recover the once only costs associated with applications for new or modified consents, and
- (b) a charge for the recurring costs of monitoring effluents and controlled waters.

Following consultations, charging provisions were incorporated within Schedule 12 of the Water Act 1989 under which the Authority can require the payment of charges as specified in, or determined under, a Scheme requiring the approval of the Secretary of State and subject to Treasury consent.

The Scheme will be operated in such a way that charges recovered do not exceed the Authority's expenses in relation to discharges to controlled waters.

Before submitting the Scheme for approval, the Authority must publish a notice setting out the proposals and giving an opportunity for representations and objections to be sent to the Secretary of State. The notice is on the front cover of this leaflet and has been published in national newspapers and trade journals.

### APPLICATIONS CHARGES

With regard to applications and with effect from 1 October 1990, the Authority is introducing a standard charge of £350 for determining new and revised consent conditions.

A reduced rate charge of £50 will be payable in the cases of applications for consent to discharge only one or more of:

- (i) sewage effluent where the proposed volume is 5 cubic metres or less per day;
- (ii) trade effluent for cooling or heat exchange where the proposed volume is 10 cubic metres or less per day;
- (iii) surface water (where it is considered desirable to have a consent because of the potential contamination of the water).

A separate charge will be applied for each application for consent to discharge and will be payable upon application. Where appropriate, VAT will be added.

### ADDITIONAL CHARGES

Where advertising of applications is required, the Authority will recover the costs involved from the applicant together with an administration charge not exceeding £50.

The Authority reserves the right to charge for consultations requested by applicants or prospective applicants.

Each application must be supported by information specified by the Authority as being necessary to determine consent conditions and be provided at the applicant's expense. The Authority will recover any costs incurred in producing such information for applicants, where appropriate.

### ANNUAL CHARGES

A scheme dealing with the recovery of the Authority's recurring costs in relation to monitoring discharges and controlled waters will be put forward to the Secretary of State in the near future.

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information is obtainable from your NRA Regional Office, at the address on page 4. Representations or objections to the proposed scheme, set out on page 3, may be made to the:

Secretary of State for the Environment, Department of the Environment, Room A 401, Romney House, 43 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3PY.



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SECTION 113 (1) AND SCHEDULE 12 WATER ACT 1989

### 1 INTRODUCTION

This Scheme of Charges ('the Scheme') is made by the National Rivers Authority pursuant to its powers in section 11 (1) of, and paragraph 9 of Schedule 12 to, the Water Act 1989 and shall come into force on 1 October 1990.

### 2 INTERPRETATION

In the scheme, unless the context otherwise requires:

'the Authority' means the National Rivers Authority

'the 1989 Act' means the Water Act 1989

'application' means an application made to the Authority pursuant to and for the purposes of Section 108 (1) (a) or 108 (5) (a) or Section 109 of the 1989 Act.

### 3 SCOPE OF SCHEME

The Scheme applies to any application made for the purpose of obtaining from the Authority a consent under Section 108 (1) (a) or 108 (5) (a) or Section 109 of the 1989 Act and to any instrument served whereby the Authority gives a consent without application under paragraph 5 of Schedule 12 to the 1989 Act and provides for the payment of charges.

### 4 LIABILITY FOR PAYMENT OF CHARGES

In respect of each application made, and each consent given by the Authority without application, there shall be payable by the person who makes the application or where consent is given under paragraph 5 of Schedule 12 the person who is authorised to do anything by virtue of the consent and on whom the instrument giving consent has been served:

- (i) the sum of £350 except as provided for in (ii) below;
- (ii) the sum of £50 where the application for consent to discharge relates only to one or more of:
  - (a) sewage effluent where the proposed volume is 5 cubic metres or less per day;
  - (b) trade effluent for cooling or heat exchange where the proposed volume is 10 cubic metres or less per day;
  - (c) surface water (where it is considered desirable to have a consent because of the potential contamination of the water).

### 5 ADVERTISING COSTS

The charges provided for by the Scheme do not include the expenses incurred in publishing notice of any application made or instrument served where such expenses are recoverable pursuant to paragraphs 1 (6) or 5 (6) of Schedule 12 to the 1989 Act.

### 6 TIME FOR PAYMENT

The application charge shall be due and payable in full on the making of an application or the giving of a consent without application.

Made by

this day of

1990

## DISCHARGE TO CONTROLLED WATERS

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