

REGULATORY APPROACHES TO EFFECTIVE CONTROL OF DIFFUSE POLLUTION

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ABSTRACT

The Scottish Environment Protection Agency have recently established a group looking at developing measures for the control of rural diffuse pollution. This work is being driven by the Water Framework Directive that requires that the Programme of Measures, of which the regulatory regimes are part, must be operational by 2012. In Scotland it is proposed that the new regulatory regimes be introduced in Scotland from 2005. The aim of the work is to gather case study information from other countries on measures that are currently being used to control diffuse pollution. By looking at various measures and their effectiveness, Scotland will be able to learn from other countries. A summary report will be produced detailing those measures that are currently in place and their effectiveness. The collaboration of countries in this work will benefit everyone who's involved by highlighting the measures that exist and to help shape more effective measures in the future. Examples are sought of good and not so good statutory measures and programmes, together with indications of why legislation and associated programmes achieved expectations and intentions (or failed).

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