

WASH DOWN COMPLIANCE



THE LEGISLATION

- ▶ The Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2010
- ▶ The Groundwater (Northern Ireland) Regulations 2009
- ▶ The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2013



These regulations all legislate against the discharge of contaminated water into the water environment.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?

- ▶ Clubs, sports & leisure facilities will be liable for prosecution if they have not taken steps to ensure their machinery wash down areas comply with the legislation.

WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU DON'T COMPLY?

- ▶ A criminal fine upto **£50,000** & upto 3 months imprisonment.
- ▶ A Variable Monetary Penalty upto **£250,000**

FOUR WAYS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE

- ✓ The wash down of machinery takes place on a positively drained wash pad with all contaminated water collected in a sump. This is then removed and disposed of by a licensed waste management contractor.
- ✓ The wash down of machinery takes place on a positively drained wash pad with all contaminated water fed into a mechanical water recycling system where it is cleaned and can be re-used or discharged.
- ✓ The wash down of machinery takes place on a positively drained wash pad with all contaminated water fed by sealed pipe into a dedicated and bespoke reed bed system, where it is cleaned sufficiently for discharge or re-use.

- ✓ The wash down of machinery takes place on a positively drained wash pad with all contaminated water discharged to foul sewer. The discharge is then no longer the concern of the Environment Agency, but it is up to the local sewerage contractor to decide whether they will allow the discharge into their system without the contaminants being removed.

If you are discharging contaminated water to the sewerage system, then you must confirm with the sewerage contractor that you have full permission to do so.

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