

Implementing the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003

**The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2005 –
introducing emergency provisions and improving effectiveness**

**Comments from the
British Hydrological Society**

The British Hydrological Society welcomes the opportunity to comment on the proposals for introducing emergency provisions and improving effectiveness in The Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2005. We consider proposals to be well expressed and have no adverse comments to make.

As an organisation endeavouring to safeguard and/or improve the competence of professional hydrologists we applaud the proposals to improve the transparency and operational effectiveness of the legislative framework and have no wish to impede any safeguards to the water environment. We trust that the obligations of SEPA to maintain adequate monitoring networks will continue to be recognised and facilitated wherever possible, since the long-term measurements from these provide unique and irreplaceable data for future management decisions.

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