

Water Framework Directive

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The Water Framework Directive (WFD) establishes a legal framework to protect surface waters and groundwater across Europe. Its core environmental objectives are to prevent deterioration of aquatic ecosystems and to restore polluted surface waters and groundwater to “good status” in terms of their ecological and chemical parameters by 2015. The Environment Agency is responsible for implementing the WFD in England and Wales. This workshop provides an opportunity to hear of the Environment Agency’s work to date and plans for 2006 and beyond. It includes an update on the Ribble Pilot River Basin Project and how this has been used to test European guidance on river basin planning and public participation in the WFD; and inform the Agency’s national approach to WFD implementation.

Chair: John Tipping, Environment Agency

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| 09.15 | Coffee & registration |
| 10.00 | Introduction
John Tipping, Environment Agency |
| 10.15 | Update on the implementation of WFD
Catherine Wright, Head of Monitoring & Assessment, Environment Agency |
| 10.45 | The gaps & challenges presented by WFD to UU’s use of sensors
Andy Wall, United Utilities plc |
| 11.15 | Coffee |
| 11.30 | WFD: Strategic implications for the water industry
Rob Collins, WRc |
| 12.00 | Diffuse pollution – what improvements can we expect to achieve. And how to measure them
Mark Shepherd, ADAS. |
| 12.30 | Discussion & Lunch |
| 13.30 | The development of alternative monitoring techniques to address information acquisition needs.
Alex Rowe, Environment Agency |
| 14.00 | SWIFT in support of WFD
Richard Greenwood, Portsmouth University |
| 14.30 | Real time water quality monitoring of the River Thames – over a decade of tidal information management system
David Parsons, Meteor Communications (Europe) Ltd. |
| 15.00 | Discussion & close |
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