

**SCOTTISH ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AGENCY  
PROPOSED ENVIRONMENTAL REGULATION (SCOTLAND) CHARGING  
SCHEME: ANNEX F**

## **GLOSSARY**

Prescribed activity is an operation that requires a permit issued by SEPA under one of the following:

- Discharges to the water environment,
- Abstractions and Impoundments,
- Engineering activities in the water environment,
- Emissions to air,
- Applications of matter to land,
- Holding of radioactive substances, or
- Waste Management.

Activity type. SEPA has categorised the prescribed activities that it regulates into over three hundred activity types. These definitions are intended to cover activities of the same type, which therefore require the same level of SEPA regulatory activity. Individual activities within a regulatory activity should have the same annual regulatory charge and the same application charge. Examples include:

- STW discharge (public) 50,000 to 100,000 population equivalent;
- PPC B Band 2 Petrol Vapour Recovery  $\geq 1000\text{m}^3/\text{yr}$  Sect 1.2; and
- Civic Amenity Site  $> = 2500$  tonnes

Charging scheme component. The main building blocks of the annual charging structure which when put together allow the charge to be calculated:

- Activity Charges,
- Emission Charges, and
- Compliance Factors

Charging scheme categories. The sub-divisions of the charging scheme. They represent the units for which SEPA calculates the funding that should be recovered from charge-payers. They include:

- Waste Management Activities,
- Holding of Radioactive Substances,
- Discharges to water,
- Abstraction of water,
- Impoundment of water,
- Engineering in the water environment, and
- Emissions to air.

Direct Regulation – covers our Planned Effort (Inspections Sampling and data returns) and Reactive Effort (work on Compliance breaches, environmental events and liaison with Operators)

Dynamic Regulatory Effort and Assessment Model (DREAM) is the hazard and risk assessment tool we use to assess the inherent hazards and risks of an activity.

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Environmental Service means the carrying out, operation or maintenance of any Activity, which is in the view of SEPA, solely for the benefit of the environment, not being for commercial purposes or in implementation of a statutory duty or condition of an authorisation. SEPA Guidance, updated from time to time, is available via the website or on request;

Authorisation - is the generic term we are using in this consultation to cover all the permissions that we issue: including permits, licences, registrations, notifications and exemptions.

Regulatory Support – covers work on Regime Support and Sector Management Authorisation.

## **References**

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## **Abbreviations**

ATR Activity Time Recoding system

BRT - SPRI Reporting Threshold

CAS Compliance Assessment Scheme

CLAS Corporate Licensing Administration System

DREAM Dynamic Regulatory Effort Assessment Model

EAS - Emissions Assessment Scheme

ELMS Environment Events Database

National Environmental Monitoring System

PPC – Pollution Prevention and Control

SPRI Scottish Pollutant Release Inventory

WEWS Act Water Environment and Water Services Act 2003

WLP Work Load Planning Data

EAL - Environmental Assessment Level

EQS - Environmental Quality Standard

CAR - Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011;

EWC - European Waste Category