
STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

2002 No. 3153

The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002

PART II

POLLUTION PREVENTION AND CONTROL

Supplementary

Interpretation of this Part

8.—(1) In this Part—

“activities” means activities of any nature, whether—

- (a) industrial or commercial or other activities, or
- (b) carried on on particular premises or otherwise,

and includes (with or without other activities) the depositing, keeping or disposal of any substance;

“environmental pollution” means pollution of the air, water or land which may give rise to any harm; and for the purposes of this definition (but without prejudice to its generality)—

- (a) “pollution” includes pollution caused by noise, heat or vibrations or any other kind of release of energy, and
- (b) “air” includes air within buildings and air within other natural or man-made structures above or below ground.

(2) In the definition of “environmental pollution” in paragraph (1), “harm” means—

- (a) harm to the health of human beings or other living organisms;
- (b) harm to the quality of the environment, including—
 - (i) harm to the quality of the environment taken as a whole,
 - (ii) harm to the quality of the air, water or land, and
 - (iii) other impairment of, or interference with, the ecological systems of which any living organisms form part
- (c) offence to the senses of human beings;
- (d) damage to property; or
- (e) impairment of, or interference with, amenities or other legitimate uses of the environment (expressions used in this paragraph having the same meaning as in [^{F1}Directive 2010/75/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 November 2010 on industrial emissions (integrated pollution prevention and control)]).

F1 Words in art. 8(2)(e) substituted (17.1.2019) by [The Air Quality \(Amendment, etc.\) Regulations \(Northern Ireland\) 2018 \(S.R. 2018/215\)](#), regs. 1(1), **2(3)**

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Environment (Northern Ireland) Order 2002, Cross Heading: Supplementary.