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PART 3

SPECIFIC MEASURES AGAINST POLLUTION OF WATER

Designation of mixing zones

18.—(1) SEPA may designate a mixing zone adjacent to any point of discharge to the water environment which is a controlled activity.

(2) SEPA must ensure that the extent of any such zone is—

- (a) restricted to the proximity of the point of discharge; and
- (b) proportionate, having regard to the concentrations of pollutants at the point of discharge and to the conditions on emissions of pollutants contained in any prior authorisation.

(3) Where SEPA designates a mixing zone, concentrations of one or more substances listed in Part A of Annex I to the Priority Substances Directive may exceed the relevant environmental quality standards within that zone, provided that this does not affect the compliance of the rest of the body of surface water with those standards.

(4) The river basin management plan (or the next update of it) for a river basin district within which a mixing zone (or any part of a mixing zone) has been designated must include a description of—

- (a) the approaches and methodologies applied to define such zones; and
- (b) measures taken with a view to reducing the extent of the mixing zones in the future.

(5) In paragraph (1), “controlled activity” has the meaning given in regulation 2(1) of the Water Environment (Controlled Activities) (Scotland) Regulations 2011 ^{M1}.

Marginal Citations

M1 S.S.I. 2011/209, as amended by S.S.I. 2012/360 and S.S.I. 2013/176.

Changes to legislation:

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Water Environment (River Basin Management Planning: Further Provision) (Scotland) Regulations 2013, Section 18.