

Council Directive of 21 May 1991 concerning  
urban waste water treatment (91/271/EEC)

*Article 15*

- 1 Competent authorities or appropriate bodies shall monitor:
- discharges from urban waste water treatment plants to verify compliance with the requirements of Annex I.B in accordance with the control procedures laid down in Annex I.D,
  - amounts and composition of sludges disposed of to surface waters.

2 Competent authorities or appropriate bodies shall monitor waters subject to discharges from urban waste water treatment plants and direct discharges as described in Article 13 in cases where it can be expected that the receiving environment will be significantly affected.

3 In the case of a discharge subject to the provisions of Article 6 and in the case of disposal of sludge to surface waters, Member States shall monitor and carry out any other relevant studies to verify that the discharge or disposal does not adversely affect the environment.

4 Information collected by competent authorities or appropriate bodies in complying with paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 shall be retained in the Member State and made available to the Commission within six months of receipt of a request.

[<sup>F15</sup> The Commission may formulate guidelines on the monitoring referred to in paragraphs 1, 2 and 3 in accordance with the regulatory procedure referred to in Article 18(2).]

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**Textual Amendments**

- F1** Substituted by [Regulation \(EC\) No 1137/2008 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 22 October 2008 adapting a number of instruments subject to the procedure laid down in Article 251 of the Treaty to Council Decision 1999/468/EC, with regard to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny Adaptation to the regulatory procedure with scrutiny — Part One.](#)