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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations prescribe the procedure to be followed in relation to applications for, or the variation of, consents under Chapter II of Part III of the Water Resources Act 1991 (control of pollution of water resources), including applications made by the Environment Agency. They also prescribe the procedure to be followed where a discharge consent is granted under paragraph 6 of Schedule 10 to the Water Resources Act 1991, without an application.

The Regulations also prescribe the procedure to be followed in relation to appeals to the Secretary of State under sections 91 and 191B of the Water Resources Act 1991 (appeals in relation to consents under Chapter II of Part III and appeals in relation to information to be entered into pollution control registers which the Environment Agency has determined is not commercially confidential).

The Regulations also prescribe the particulars which are to be entered on water pollution control registers which are maintained by the Environment Agency. They also prescribe when entries are to be made on, require or permit certain particulars to be removed from, and deal with the indexing of, the registers.

The Regulations revoke with appropriate savings the Control of Pollution (Consents for Discharges etc.) (Secretary of State Functions) Regulations 1989, the Control of Pollution (Discharges by the National Rivers Authority) Regulations 1989 and the Control of Pollution (Registers) Regulations 1989.

A compliance cost assessment of the effect that these Regulations would have on the cost of business may be obtained from:

- Water Quality Division, Department of the Environment, Romney House, 43 Marsham Street, London SW1P 3PY.
- Environment Division, Welsh Office, Cathays Park, Cardiff CF1 3NQ.