EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Regulations)

These Regulations, which apply in England, amend—

the Sludge (Use in Agriculture) Regulations 1989

the Environmental Protection (Disposal of Polychlorinated Biphenyls and other Dangerous Substances) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000

the Control of Pollution (Oil Storage) (England) Regulations 2001

the Water Resources (Environmental Impact Assessment) (England and Wales) Regulations 2003

the Hazardous Waste (England and Wales) Regulations 2005

the Environmental Impact Assessment (Agriculture) (England) (No. 2) Regulations 2006

the Producer Responsibility Obligations (Packaging Waste) Regulations 2007

the Transfrontier Shipment of Waste Regulations 2007

the Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2008

The amendments permit Natural England and the Environment Agency to impose specified civil sanctions in relation to breaches of those Regulations. The sanctions are those permitted under the Regulatory Enforcement and Sanctions Act 2008.

A full impact assessment has been prepared and placed in the libraries of both Houses of Parliament. It is available at www.gov.uk.