



ENVIRONMENT AGENCY

REGIONAL PLAN SUMMARY SOUTHERN REGION 1996/7

MAKING A DIFFERENCE THAT LASTS

In the first year of the Environment Agency, Southern Region will be addressing major organisational priorities, integrating all the functions of the Agency and progressing recruitment and accommodation.

It is crucial that in a short period of time, all of us learn to understand the wider remit of the organisation and its new duties. This will help us to meet the challenges of sustainable development, balancing the needs of the environment and the economy, and allow us to meet our commitment to our customers through the "first step shop".

This year will also see the formation of the new "Regional Environmental Protection Advisory Committee" (REPAC), who will provide a regular advisory forum between our officers and customers. At an Area level, Area Environmental Groups (AEGs) will be formed to create direct local

contact and focus on developing and implementing agreed plans covering local issues.

At the same time as addressing these major organisational issues, the Agency will strive to deliver its services to at least the standards set out in our "Customer Charter", and will seek to build on the successes of its predecessor bodies.

Southern Region will also be seeking ways to increase the efficiency of the way we operate, whether it be through co-location of our Area staff or by maximising income, allowing us to make the best use of our resources of £46m and over 800 staff in 96/97.

Kevin Whiteman
Regional General Manager



Photo: Working towards alleviating low flows on the River Darent

PRIORITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS IN SOUTHERN REGION FOR 1996/7

- Approval of preferred option for Chichester Flood Relief Scheme.
- Secure delivery of Pennington STW and consenting of the IoW sewage scheme.
- Complete Bulverhythe Sea Defence Scheme.
- Launch and implement the Salmon Management Action Plan for Hampshire.
- Continue work towards implementation of Alleviated Low Flows (ALFs) for Rivers Darent, Little Stour and Dour.
- Monitor and make appropriate responses to Channel Tunnel Rail Link (CTRL) and Thames Gateway developments.

HANTS AND IOW

1. Complete public consultation for the Hermitage Stream project and determine the way forward
2. Extend the River Meon/Hamble ALF
3. Prepare the Local Environment Agency Plan (LEAP) for the New Forest
4. Improve landfill gas monitoring at landfill sites including Gun Site, Netley
5. Agree design of Sulphur Recovery Unit (SRU) upgrade with Esso Petroleum Company
6. Enhance monitoring and control of noise from the Blackbushe metal recycling

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7. Conduct detailed survey on airborne emissions at Holmbush Farm landfill and Pebsham landfill
8. Produce Water Level Management Plans (WLMPs) for Amberley Wildbrooks
9. Oversee installation of solvent recovery system on the culvanate process at Smith Kline Beecham and reduce Acetone releases to air from 300 tonnes to 1 tonne pa
10. Produce a landfill gas emergency plan and review and rationalise the East and West Sussex chemical emergency plans
11. Progress Swanbourne Lake ALF



Photo: ESSO Petroleum Company - Fawley, Hampshire



Photo: Waste emergency planning - Sussex

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12. Reduce the release of Electro Static Precipitator (ESP) dust to land by 50,000 tonnes pa by overseeing implementation of Pulverised Fuel Ash
13. Grand Redoubt Tidal Outfall reconstruction
14. Investigate EC Bathing Beach non compliance at Sandwich Bay and agree/implement improvement
15. Produce WLMPs for South Thames, Dungeness, Seasalter, and Stodmarsh
16. Provide input to the Medway and Swale Waste Minimisation Project
17. Investigate groundwater levels in the Cray catchment



OTHER REGIONAL PRIORITIES FOR SOUTHERN REGION IN 1996/7

- Establish Sustainable Development Working Group
- Produce pilot Local Environment Agency Plan (LEAP) for North Kent
- Ensure environmental effects of drought kept to a minimum
- Ensure smooth transition of flood warning responsibility to the Agency
- Identify suitable Area office accommodation and manage moves
- Establish REPAC and AEGs
- Develop "Region's First Step Shop" approach
- Conduct an emergency exercise in Region
- Ensure recruitment of staff
- Identify and ensure appropriate training of staff
- Promote Agency's Citizen's Charter and meet standards of service
- Promote Agency's internal environmental policy through its "Green Circles"



Photo: The need for waste minimisation, Kent

KEY STATISTICS

Area -	10,979 sqkm
Population -	4.6m
Length of Coastline (inc. main tidal waters)-	1,124km
Length of Fluvial Main River -	2,648km
Length of Fisheries -	703km
Length of Navigable Rivers -	89km
Number of EC Bathing Waters (95/96) -	67
Average Rainfall (95/96) -	606mm
Number of Discharge Consents (95/96) -	12,137
Number of Abstraction Licence Inspections (95/96) -	1,615
Number of Category 1 & 2 Pollution Incidents (95/96) -	81
Number of Planning Applications Processed (95/96) -	3,862
Number of Licensed Nuclear Sites -	2
Number of RAS3 sites -	100
Number of RAS4 sites -	300
Number of Registered Waste Carriers -	5688
Number of Waste Brokers Registered -	25
Number of Waste Licenses in Force -	550

FURTHER INFORMATION

For information about this leaflet contact:
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Further details about the Environment Agency as a whole
will be contained in the National Corporate Plan, this
will be published by:

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EMERGENCY SERVICE

IF YOU spot an environmental problem call the
Environment Agency's free 24-hour emergency hotline on

0800 80 70 60.

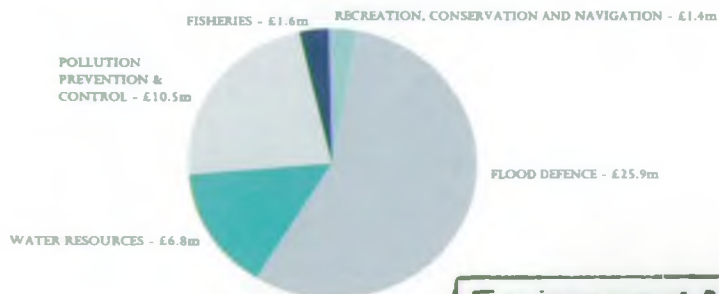
This could be :

- damage or danger to the natural environment
- pollution
- poaching
- risks to wildlife
- fish in distress
- illegal dumping
- illegal dumping of hazardous waste
- flooding

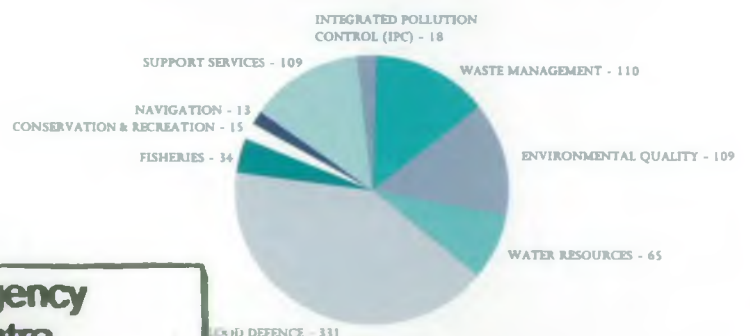
DON'T IGNORE IT.....REPORT IT!

RESOURCES

TOTAL REGIONAL EXPENDITURE 1996/7 (£46.2M)



TOTAL REGIONAL EMPLOYEES 1996/7 (804 FTE)



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