

Accountability for Regulator Impact and Business Engagement

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Accountability for Regulator Impact is a system that requires us to engage with business to quantify the financial impacts of the more significant changes to the way we deliver regulation, and periodically report these to Government.

We will implement the Better Regulation Executive's guidance on Accountability for Regulator Impact for all our regulatory activities, including flood risk, through our existing channels of communication. These range from informal engagement, such as discussions with sector representatives and meetings with trade associations, through to formal consultation.

We work closely with our regulated business customers. At a strategic level we have a Regulated Business Forum, chaired by our Executive Director of Environment and Business.

At a sector level we have established sector groups, which include trade associations and key industry representatives for the main industry sectors we regulate. This approach to regulation helps us to understand our customers' business and allows us to tailor our regulation to the needs of each sector. For a range of national customers we also have individual Account Managers in place at Director and senior officer level. These are central to our approach to business engagement.

We will also continue to work closely with other regulators.

If you have concerns about how we have consulted on the impact of a significant change to our regulatory approaches, you can raise these in two ways. Our **online consultations** (https://www.gov.uk/government/publications?departments%5B%5D=environment-agency&publication_filter_option=consultations) provide contact details if your concerns relate to how we have carried out a formal consultation. If your concerns do not relate to a formal consultation, please contact us through **general enquiries** (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/environment-agency#org-contacts>)

Further information

Guidance on Regulator impact accountability

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/regulator-impact-accountabilityguidance>)