



ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT PROFORMA	
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INCIDENT / ALERT DETAILS: Over recent months the DECC On Call officers have noted an increase in the number of requests for Emergency Chemicals Variations. Whilst some have been as a result of unforeseen or emergency circumstances there have been a number that are clearly the result of poor chemicals tracking and management.	
INITIAL/ALERT FINDINGS: Operators must make every effort to ensure chemicals are suitably managed and the use of the Emergency Chemicals Variation system only used for operational emergencies. Where DECC receive an Emergency Chemicals Variation that is clearly as a result of poor chemicals management and tracking it is possible that the variations may be refused at that time. DECC will continue to track the use of the Emergency Chemicals Variation system and where it is suspected that poor chemicals management is leading to inappropriate / over-use of the system then further investigation into that particular operator's use of the system may take place.	
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