

Regulatory position statement

Wash waters from intermediate animal by-product plants

If you comply with the requirements below, we will allow wash waters from intermediate animal by-product (ABP) plants to be spread on land in accordance with Standard Rules permit SR2010No4.

Background

Standard rules permit SR2010No4 (mobile plant for landspreading) allows the following waste type to be spread on land for agricultural benefit subject to the deployment process:

- Untreated wash waters and sludges from poultry preparation plants, rendering plants or fish preparation plants.

We have become aware that untreated wash waters from intermediate ABP plants¹ handling ABP categories 1, 2 and 3 are also being spread on land for agricultural benefit. Analysis has shown that wash waters from these premises are essentially the same composition as untreated wash waters from rendering plants and poultry preparation plants. The wash water contains small amounts of blood and gut contents and can provide land with a nutrient benefit and soil moisture benefit.

The current standard rules permit SR2010No4 (mobile plant for landspreading) does not list wash waters from these intermediate ABP sites in either table 2.2A or table 2.2B. Whilst this omission is corrected we will regulate the spreading of wash waters from intermediate plants handling ABP in the manner set out below.

Our approach

We will not pursue an application for a bespoke environmental permit for spreading wash waters from an intermediate ABP plant handling category 1, 2 or 3 ABP provided:

- Wash waters are spread in accordance with [SR2010No4](#), the deployment procedure is followed (including the completion of LPD1) and the appropriate fee is paid.
- The deployment application submitted describes the waste as wash waters from intermediate ABP plant and they are coded 161002.

1. An intermediate ABP plant is a short-term storage facility where ABPs are bulked up and stored prior to being taken to a rendering plant.

- The wash waters are subsurface injected to a depth of at least 15 cms. Shallower injection/surface application can be used but the wash waters must be worked into the land as soon as practicable and before grazing animals have access to the land.
- You meet the relevant objectives of the Waste Framework Directive;
'... ensuring that waste management is carried out without endangering human health, without harming the environment and in particular:
 - (i) without risk to water, air, soil, plants or animals;
 - (ii) without causing a nuisance through noise or odours; and
 - (iii) without adversely affecting the countryside or places of special interest.'

Enforcement

In not pursuing an application for a permit, we will not normally take enforcement action unless the activity has caused, or is likely to cause, pollution or harm to health. For a more detailed explanation of this enforcement position, please see our [Enforcement and Sanctions](#) statement. This can be found on the '[How we regulate you](#)' page in the Business & Industry section of our web site.

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