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**ENVIRONMENT AGENCY  
 WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991  
 NOTICE OF GRANT OF A DROUGHT ORDER**

TAKE NOTICE that due to the threat of a serious deficiency of supplies of water for compensation flows from Upper Black Moss and Lower Black Moss Reservoirs (National Grid Reference: SD 82 41) to Black Moss water the Environment Agency ("the Agency") applied to the Secretary of State for the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs for a drought order under Section 73 of the Water Resources Act 1991, which was granted on 17th October 2022 and came into force on 18th October 2022.

The drought order, which will apply up to 17th April 2023, allows the Agency to instruct United Utilities Water Limited to reduce the compensation flows from Upper Black Moss and Lower Black Moss Reservoirs under Licence Serial No. 26 71 322 033 (dated 19 March 2014) from 2.682 Ml/day to 1.341 Ml/day during the period of operation of the order. The reservoirs are 'compensation only' with no water used for direct water supply.

The drought order entitled The Environment Agency (Upper Black Moss and Lower Black Moss Reservoirs) Drought Order 2022 is available to view on the Agency's website at, [www.gov.uk/government/collections/abstracting-or-impounding-water-notices-of-applications-made](http://www.gov.uk/government/collections/abstracting-or-impounding-water-notices-of-applications-made) or on the Government Legislation website at, <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukSI/2022/1059/contents/made>

Anyone may inspect the drought order, until 04 November 2022. Inspection is free of charge and available during normal working hours at:-

- Barrowford Library, Ann Street, Barrowford, Nelson, BB9 8QH.  
 (Opening hours; Mon 09:00-13:00 and 14:00-17:00,  
 Weds 09:00-13:00, Thurs 09:00-13:00 and 14:00-19:00,  
 Fri 09:00-13:00 and 14:00-17:00, Sat 09:00-13:00.)
- Environment Agency, Lutra House, Dodd Way, Off Seedlee Road, Walton Summit, Bamber Bridge, Preston, PR5 8BX  
 (Office hours Mon to Fri 9:00-17:00).

Dated **28 October 2022**

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