

Storm Overflows Taskforce – 02/02/22 Minutes

Date & Time	Wednesday 2 February 2022 11:00 – 11:45	Chair	[REDACTED]
Attendees	[REDACTED] (CCWater), [REDACTED] (The Rivers Trust), [REDACTED] (Wessex Water), [REDACTED] (Ofwat), [REDACTED] (Environment Agency), [REDACTED] (Water UK) Defra: [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED], [REDACTED]		
Apologies			

Action summary

- **Defra** to arrange a follow up meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to discuss impact of delays to industry guidance on DWMPs.
- **Defra** to share a revised proposal for the 3 monitoring and reporting work strands with Taskforce members.
- **All** to share EAC responses with Defra colleagues by 11 Feb.
- **All** to discuss EDM data publication and proposed comms approaches at the next Taskforce meeting (16 Mar) which will be in-person (tbc).

Item	Time	Agenda item	Introduce
1.	11:00 (5')	<p>Welcome and actions from last meeting</p> <p>Members shared feedback on the proposed gov.uk text setting out Taskforce priorities for 2022 and forward look for Taskforce meetings in 2022. On the gov.uk text, [REDACTED] suggested the text should seek to educate the public on SOs and the tone of the text should be amended to reflect this.</p> <p>On the meeting forward look, members emphasised the need to ensure enough time is given for the Taskforce to review the draft Storm Overflows Discharge Reduction Plan as well as ensuring all priorities are reflected in the Forward Look. [REDACTED] raised concerns about the delays to publishing industry guidance more generally and the impact on DWMPs.</p> <p><i>Action: Defra to arrange follow up meeting with [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] to discuss impact of delays to industry guidance on DWMPs.</i></p>	[REDACTED]
2.	11:05 (20')	<p>Data Transparency Task and Finish Group update</p> <p>Defra confirmed that this work area has now been split into 3 work strands:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workstream 1 – will focus on delivery of the near real time reporting and regulatory requirements. Defra expects to engage industry on exemptions to reporting requirements shortly. • Workstream 2 – the EA has commenced a 4-week work sprint to develop water quality monitoring proposals which 	[REDACTED]

		<p>will be shared with industry in June/ July.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workstream 3 – Data Transparency Task and Finish Group – this group will focus on how we can effectively utilise the data that is made available under EA provisions. <p><i>Action: Defra to share a revised proposal for the 3 monitoring and reporting work strands with Taskforce members.</i></p>	
4.	11:25 (20')	<p>EAC report recommendations</p> <p><i>Action: Members to share EAC responses with Defra colleagues by 11 Feb.</i></p>	[REDACTED]
6.	11:45	<p>Wrap up & AOB</p> <p>[REDACTED] flagged that the Environment Agency will be publishing EDM data on 20 March. Members agreed to a further discussion on the comms approach to publication at the next Taskforce meeting, which should be an extended, in-person meeting (tbc).</p> <p>[REDACTED] confirmed that the customer element of the Stantec report has now been refreshed and will be published in March.</p> <p><i>Action: Members to discuss EDM data publication and proposed comms approaches at the next Taskforce meeting (16 Mar).</i></p>	[REDACTED]