

‘Issued’ Notice - Agency Applied For Drought Order.

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 in Holme Styes Reservoir at Hade Edge, Holmfirth (National Grid Reference: SE 13968 05664) caused by an exceptional shortage of rain, 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 3rd September 2025 and came into effect on 4th of September 2025.

The drought order, which is intended to apply for up to 6 months, will allow the Agency to instruct Yorkshire Water to reduce the compensation flows required from Holme Styes Reservoir under Licence Serial No. NE/027/0010/010 (dated 14th April 2020) held by Yorkshire Water Services Limited in a staged manner to a flow of 0.65 Ml/day to the River Ribble during the period of operation of the order.

The order, as granted, allows Yorkshire Water to continue to provide a compensation flow to meet the needs of the respective downstream environments whilst preserving stocks in the reservoirs to support such environmental needs.

The drought order entitled The Environment Agency (Holme Styes Reservoir) Drought (No.2) Order 2025 is available to view on the Agency's website at, 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/ukxi/2025/997/contents/made>

Anyone may inspect the drought order, until **16 October 2025**. Inspection is free of charge and available during normal working hours at: -

- Holmfirth Library, 47 Huddersfield Road, Holmfirth, HD9 3JH. (Opening hours; Mon 09:30-19:00, Tue 09:30-13:30, Wed 13:00-17:30, Thu and Fri 09:30-17:30, Sat 10:00-16:00, and Sun 11:00-15:00.)
- Honley Library, West Avenue, Honley, HD9 6HF. (Opening hours; Tue 13:00-18:00, Wed 10:00-13:00, Fri 13:00-17:00, and Sat 10:00-13:00. Closed Mon, Thu, and Sun.)
- Environment Agency, Lateral, 8 City Walk, Leeds, LS11 9AT. By appointment, telephone 0370 8506506.

Dated **18 September 2025**

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