



Effluents and Discharges

Quality, Protection and Peace of Mind



There are over 100,000 consented discharges to controlled waters in the UK alone. Many businesses also have processes producing trade effluents.

These effluents and discharges will have quality conditions assigned and non-compliance can lead to prosecution and fines.

OHES is your natural choice for monitoring your permitted effluent or discharge. We design monitoring programmes according to your needs, we sample, analyse provide results and advice in a comprehensive report.

We have experienced and skilled staff, many of whom are ex-environmental regulators, to help you ensure your regulatory requirements are met.

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Source: Environment Agency website, 2009



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OHES provides a complete service to support your business objectives and ensure your regulatory requirements are met.

Our services include:

- ✳ Design of your monitoring programme
- ✳ Collection of discharge, effluent and river samples in accordance with ISO and MCERTS standards
- ✳ Field and laboratory analysis at MCERTS and ISO 17025 accredited laboratories
- ✳ Interpretation of analysis results
- ✳ Clear reporting against consenting limits
- ✳ Advice on compliance failures and help to implement an Effluent Quality Improvement Action Plan

Please contact us if we can be of any further help. All the services we provide follow recommended Codes of Practice and national guidance.



Case study: Environmental Monitoring for fish farms

OHES monitoring specialists have designed and carried out bespoke environmental monitoring programmes for fish farms, working with the business to help achieve their objectives and protect the wider environment.

We offer a range of services for the fish farm owner, including monitoring the water quality of the intake and the discharge. We also monitor the fish population and aquatic ecology of the receiving waterbody and conduct protected species and Phase I surveys.



Operator Self Monitoring, what does this mean for me?

The Environment Agency are changing the way they regulate discharges to water by introducing a number of 'better regulation' initiatives. For you, this may mean that you can monitor your own discharge and report results to the Environment Agency.

From April 2010, all discharge consents have been incorporated into the Environmental Permitting Programme (EPP) and are called Environmental Permits.

In the current system, the Environment Agency undertakes monitoring of discharges to water, but under Operator Self Monitoring (OSM), water companies and other businesses will monitor their own discharges and report the results to the Environment Agency with other companies expected to follow. Water companies already started this in April 2009. The Environment Agency will continue to monitor the quality of receiving waters, assessing the impact of discharge quality on them.

Monitoring compliance with Environmental Permits can be a complex procedure and, with so much at stake, many companies choose to bring in external consultants, such as specialists from OHES, to help ensure that they get it right.



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