

United Kingdom (England and Wales): Inspection surge to crack down on water sector pollution

Past months saw increasing complains by media, citizens and NGOs on water pollution caused by insufficient performance of the privatised water utilities in England and Wales.

Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs, Environment Agency and the responsible Secretary of State announced in a press release a forthcoming increased scrutiny of the privatised water companies in England and Wales.

- Fourfold increase in water company inspections to hold companies to account.
- Includes up to 500 additional staff for inspections, enforcement and stronger regulation over the next three years, with recruitment already underway.
- Part of a tougher regime fully funded by government and water company permits.