

Nitrates pollution of groundwaters in Germany: NGO takes German Federal Government to German Court



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Environmental Action Germany (*'Deutsche Umwelthilfe'*) has already established a reputation as an NGO legally enforcing, through the German system of Courts, air quality objectives established under EU legislation: This has led to a range of judgments by German Administrative Courts with a view to banning or partially banning diesel cars from access to several German cities, as well as to still ongoing Court procedures in others.

During 2018, Environmental Action Germany (*'Deutsche Umwelthilfe'*) has started to focus as well at pollution by nitrates, and has applied at the Higher Administrative Court Berlin-Brandenburg (*Oberverwaltungsgericht Berlin-Brandenburg*) to oblige the Federal Government of the Federal Republic of Germany to fully take the necessary measures to comply with the Nitrates Directive (case number OVG 11 A.1 18) and the good status of other waters.