

WWF Germany: Warning about Water Framework Directive ‘dilution’

As reported in earlier EWA News editions, the Water Framework Directive is currently in a process of review, a review that is mandatory under the Directive.¹ However, scope and direction of any possible amendments are still subject to discussion, and finally subject to a political decision by the Commission (whether to propose amendments or not) and to political decisions by the legislators (European Parliament and Council) whether to legislate on any amendments.

WWF Germany has analysed comments and positions from industry, agriculture, energy suppliers and water suppliers in the context of the ongoing review process, and as a results has raised serious concerns about diluted interpretations of EU water protection principles:

¹ Article 19(2): The Commission will review this Directive at the latest 19 years after the date of its entry into force and will propose any necessary amendments to it.