

# Can we afford NOT to monitor priority pollutants?

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**10.00** Registration and refreshments

10:30	Keynote lecture An overview of the current and potential future problems in implementing the priority pollutant provisions of the WFD Geerit Niebeek, Netherlands Ministry of Infrastructure and Environment
11:00	Session 1 - Policy issues: Introduced by David Taylor, Chairman - RSC EHSC Policy Group
11:05	Strategy for the selection and prioritisation of priority pollutants Paul Whitehouse, Environment Agency Evidence Directorate
11:30	Refreshment break
11:50	The role of socio-economic analysis Bill Watts, Formerly Chief Environmental Economist at the Environment Agency
12:15	Challenges in implementing biota EQSs for priority substances Peter Lepom, Federal Environment Agency (UBA)
12:40	Closing remarks and discussion
12:50	Lunch and posters
13:35	Session 2 - Sampling and analysis issues: Introduced by Martin Padley, United Utilities
13:40	New standardised analytical methods meeting the requirements of the WFD - results of a mandated project of the European Commission (M424) Ulrich Borchers, IWW Muelheim
14:05	UKWIR Chemical investigation program - emerging outputs and implications Mike Gardner, Regulatory Compliance - Atkins Limited
14:30	Refreshment break
14:50	Laboratory challenges in meeting the required priority substances EQS levels K. Clive Thompson and Paul Gribble, ALcontrol Laboratories
15:15	Sampling aspects and how to ensure fit for purpose sampling them Tim White, Marquis & Lord
15:40	Closing remarks, discussion and award of poster presentation prize
16:10	Close

The aim of this conference is to bring together leading experts in the field of priority substances listed in Annex X of the Water Framework Directive (WFD).

The event will discuss potential issues associated with the implementation of the Directive 2013/39/EC relating to priority substances in the field of water policy. It will also help to disseminate information on the development and validation of new test methods for monitoring priority pollutants.

The cost of the sampling and analysis is going to be excessive unless some sanity is brought to bear on the proposed environmental quality standard limits associated with this new Directive. This meeting will aim to establish what is cost-effectively feasible.

#### **Attendees**

This event is aimed at all stakeholders with a responsibility, or interest in environmental water quality. In particular, water companies, regulators, NGOs, research organisations, academia and land and water agencies.

#### **Posters**

Posters are invited for this event. Please send a one page abstract by Friday 31 October 2014 to kevin@thackie.co.uk.

## **Organising committee**

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