



The Scottish Parliament
Pàrlamaid na h-Alba

Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee

Alex Plant
Chief Executive
Scottish Water

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Dear Alex,

Environmental Authorisations (Scotland) Amendment Regulations 2025

On 3 December, the Net Zero, Energy and Transport Committee discussed the above regulations and agreed to gather more information from the Scottish Government and various stakeholders before considering the instrument at a future meeting.

The Committee notes that Scottish Water responded to the consultation on the Draft Regulations in 2023 stating “Scottish Water would support further review of the definition of terms throughout the draft regulations to ensure consistency and accuracy. Many of the meanings, particularly those for water and wastewater-related terms, contain inaccuracies, are outdated, are unnecessarily repeated in different schedules, and/or are contradictory.”

- Have your concerns been addressed in the 2025 Regulations?
- How does Scottish Water expect to be impacted by these Regulations?

Given the limited timeframe in which the Committee has to consider the regulations, we would appreciate a response by **Monday 30 December 2024**.

I apologise for this short deadline, which is necessitated by the nature of the parliamentary process for scrutiny of subordinate legislation which allows only 40 days for the Committee to consider. The Committee has requested that the Scottish Government withdraw the regulations and re-lay them early in the New Year to allow the Committee more time for scrutiny. If the Scottish Government agrees to this request, we can revisit this deadline to allow you more time to respond.

Yours sincerely,

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