

Guidance for Scottish Forestry and Forest Managers on consultation with SEPA

In the last year SEPA has changed the way we respond to forestry project consultations. We now wish to formalise this working practice and ask that Scottish Forestry and forest managers follow the guidance below.

Environmental Impact Assessments (EIA) for Forestry Projects

SEPA contacts – local Planning Service teams - Planning.North@sepa.org.uk
planning.sw@sepa.org.uk or PlanningSouthEast@sepa.org.uk.

We expect applicants to use recognised best practice guidance (including on wetlands) and information on our website (www.sepa.org.uk) and on Scotland's Environment Web (www.environment.gov.scot) to determine whether there are likely to be significant effects on the issues within our remit as outlined below:

- flood risk
- potential pollution and waste
- quarrying
- disruption to wetlands including ground water dependent terrestrial ecosystems (GWDTE)
- the disturbance and re-use of peat
- habitat restoration
- the water environment
- private water abstraction or dewatering

However, if there are any specific issues which applicants require site specific advice on then these can be also directed to the above teams. Similarly, should Scottish Forestry require SEPA's advice on an issue when determining whether EIA is required, then these requests can be sent to the above teams.

Non-EIA Forestry Consultation

Please send all other types of forestry consultations such as those relating to forest plans, felling, replanting and forest certification to adminsUPPORTwest@sepa.org.uk

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