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Title: Sewage Discharge Permit Requirement

There has been confusion over recent months as to the requirement or otherwise for property owners to register for Sewage Discharge Permits with the Environment Agency.

BCM have recently produced a flow chart for all their clients to assess whether or not the property owner is required to register for the permit. In summary, this particularly applies to properties where the drainage apparatus is serving more than 8 or 9 users and also where the property lies in what the Environment Agency term a "Source Protection Zone 1".

Andrew Bays of BCM comments; "In September of this year the Environment Agency appeared to confirm that there was little requirement for owners to register for the discharge consent. However, with various parties having carried out further consultation it is clear that these permits are required, particularly where properties fall into what the Environment Agency deem a "Source Protection Zone 1". Within the area we operate, there are a number of these particularly relating to sensitive chalk stream catchments. The regulations are far from straight forward and we have produced a check list for clients to assess whether or not they need to submit a permit".

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