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## **WATER FRAMEWORK DIRECTIVE – FIRST CONSULTATION PAPER**

### **RESPONSE BY THE INSTITUTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES**

The Institution recognises the significance of the EC Water Framework Directive and is generally supportive of the intent to create a comprehensive planning and control system for improved water management. We welcome the consultation process on implementation of the Directive in the UK.

At this stage we have no specific comments to make on the content of the Paper but we will be studying the proposals in more depth within the Institution and would expect to have some points to raise at a later stage of consultation.

We note the inclusion of impact assessments and economic reviews and will be interested in the development of these aspects as part of the implementation. Some more sophisticated methods of data collection and analysis may be desirable.

With respect to section 10 we would support the proposal that the Environment Agency should be responsible for the production of river basin management plans as a single point of responsibility will give clearer definition and co-ordination of policies and plan content. We will be interested in the development of proposals relating to sub-basis/sectors programmes and management plans.

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