

Competent Authorities for the South Western River Basin District

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Introduction

This document sets out the competent authorities for the South Eastern River Basin District in accordance with Annex 1 of the Water Framework Directive.

The competent authorities in Ireland for the Water Framework Directive are set out in the Water Policy Regulations (S.I. No. 722 of 2003).

Name and address of the competent authority

Cork County Council,
County Hall,
Carrigrohane Road,
Cork

Limerick County Council,
County Hall,
Dooradoyle,
Co. Limerick

Cork City Council,
City Hall,
Cork

South Tipperary County Council,
County Hall,
Emmet Street,
Clonmel,
Co. Tipperary

Kerry County Council,
County Hall,
Rathass,
Tralee,
Co. Kerry

Environmental Protection Agency,
PO Box 3000,
Johnstown Castle Estate,
Co. Wexford

Waterford County Council,
Civic Offices,
Dungarvan,
Co. Waterford

The names and addresses of the competent authorities for the South Eastern District are as follows:

Legal status of Competent Authorities

The Environmental Protection Agency is an independent public body established under the Environmental Protection Agency Act, 1992 (which can be found at the following link <http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/1992/en/act/pub/0007/index.html>)

The Local Authorities were established under the Local Government Acts, 1925 to 2001.

Responsibilities of competent authorities

Under the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003) the relevant local authorities are responsible for the establishment of environmental measures and the making of the river basin management plans.

The European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (S.I. No. 722 of 2003) also identifies the Environmental Protection Agency as competent authority for co-ordinating measures by local authorities. Their responsibilities include reporting to Europe and other specified functions (including responsibilities in relation to Environmental Objectives, Characterisation, Abstraction of Drinking Water, Point and Diffuse Sources, Programme of Measures and the making of the River Basin Management Plans). The Environmental Protection Agency also has supervisory responsibilities in relation to the Water Framework Directive monitoring programme.

For more details on the responsibilities of the competent authorities in Ireland please see the European Communities (Water Policy) Regulations 2003 (<http://www.irishstatutebook.ie/2003/en/si/0722.html>).

Membership

In accordance with the Water Policy Regulations S.I. No. 722 of 2003 Cork County Council acts as lead local authority in the South Western District. Cork County Council acts as the co-ordinator for all the relevant local authorities unless the Minister has appointed another authority to act as co-ordinating authority.

The other relevant authorities that are co-ordinated by Cork County Council in the South Western District are:

Cork City Council
Kerry County Council
Waterford County Council
Limerick County Council
South Tipperary County Council

International relationship

Not applicable.

Where a river basin district covers the territory of more than one Member State a summary is required of the institutional relationships established in order to ensure coordination.

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