

Septic Tanks and Sewage Treatment Plants

South Holland residents should be aware of a new requirement to register the discharge from their septic tank drainage system with the Environment Agency.

The Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2010 now require all sewage effluent discharges to be registered with the Environment Agency; this includes new and existing septic tanks.

It appears that the majority of septic tanks which drain to soak ways / land drains, where there is no mains drainage within 30m will exempt from any permit charge. The registration is free for most systems draining to ground however applications need to be made before 1 January 2012.

Full details are available via the Environment Agency website www.environment-agency.gov.uk or by following the direct link <http://www.environment-agency.gov.uk/business/topics/water/117485.aspx>

Alternatively the Environment Agency can be contacted by calling 08708 506506 or emailing enquiries@environment-agency.gov.uk