Re NROCT73

Dear Mr Hall

Many thanks for your recent enquiry. You asked if there were figures published on recent pesticide contaminations in watercourses nationally.

The most comprehensive overview of pesticides is presented in the annual reports of the Pesticides Forum – these reports have been available via the Chemicals Regulations Directorate/HSE website (although this may be subject to change. The link to the most recent report is
last being available at [http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20151023155227/http://www.pesticides.gov.uk/guidance/industries/pesticides/advisory-groups/pesticides-forum/Focus/pesticides-forum-annual-reports.htm?wbc\_purpose=Basic.rss](http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20151023155227/http%3A//www.pesticides.gov.uk/guidance/industries/pesticides/advisory-groups/pesticides-forum/Focus/pesticides-forum-annual-reports.htm?wbc_purpose=Basic.rss)

We also publish information in our River Basin Management Plans. In particular the risks to Drinking Water Protected Areas from pesticides is highlighted in a narrative that supports the plans – see <https://ea.sharefile.com/d-s13685d2d8754fe29>.

Copies of the above reports are attached, but note that that more supporting information to the Pesticides Forum’s Annual Report is available via the link provided.

The Environment Agency monitors some pesticides in our routine work, but the results are not generally collated into a pesticides-specific report(s). More specific studies on pesticides are undertaken in support of Catchment Sensitive Farming (CSF). Information on CSF is available via the following link <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/catchment-sensitive-farming-reduce-agricultural-water-pollution>, but a recent report is also available at <http://publications.naturalengland.org.uk/publication/6510716011937792>, and attached. A more detailed report on CSF pesticides’ monitoring is available upon request.

If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Jon Gulson jon.gulson@environment-agency.gov.uk

Kind regards

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