

FAS EVENT – January 20 2020.

Rainwater and Run-off

Steading run-off and inappropriate handling of clean and dirty water can have significant impact on water quality and environmental quality.

Many farms and steadings have outdated, or complicated drainage arrangements which date back to the times of “get it away ASAP”. We should now be looking at water and drainage in a different way and where possible, use it as a resource but ALWAYS ensure that the activities on site are not impacting the water environment.

Water Environment (Controlled Activities)(Scotland) regulations 2011.

Covers issues such as:

- Where to store chemicals, fertilisers and oils/fuels.
- Insists that new structure and developments should utilise a SUD system to deal with water from the site.
- Insists that nothing is discharged into the water environment which is likely to result in pollution, this includes, paints, solvents, oils, run of from construction sites, yards and collection areas.
- Licencing and authorising river and watercourse engineering activities.

Control of pollution (silage, Slurry and AFO) Regulations 2003

These regulations set a minimum standard and procedure for the construction, repair and use of silage structures and slurry systems and cover issues such as:

- Sizes of tanks
- Dealing with SEPA
- Standards for design
- What happens if things go wrong

Throughout Scotland there has been a worrying trend of these structures with not being fit for purpose or being built without SEPA being involved. Speak to SEPA if you intend to build/fix/amend a silage or slurry structure, it could save a lot of time, money and hassle.

CONTACT SEPA:

SEPA are very keen to get involved at the earliest opportunity. If you have any questions or concerns relating to run-off from steadings and yards, get in touch.

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