

Resolution Title: WASTEWATER MONITORING

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Resolution Text:

Conference believes in the life supporting importance of wastewater treatment works capacity, and reliable environmental monitoring while there are constraints on the government's budget at any time.

Conference understands that in 2022, sewage overflowed directly into Scotland's rivers and other water courses more than 14,000 times last year, the highest figure since records began.

Climate change causes increasing risk of storms, together with anticipated growth of rural communities, mean demand for wastewater treatment services from Scottish Water, and environmental monitoring services from SEPA is exceeding supply.

Conference recommends for the Scottish Government to increase waste water monitoring by making more data available to SEPA. This can only be achieved by prioritising and increasing the capacity of services of both organisations, which requires investment.

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