



Responding to Revisions to the Bathing Water Directive

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bathing water quality today

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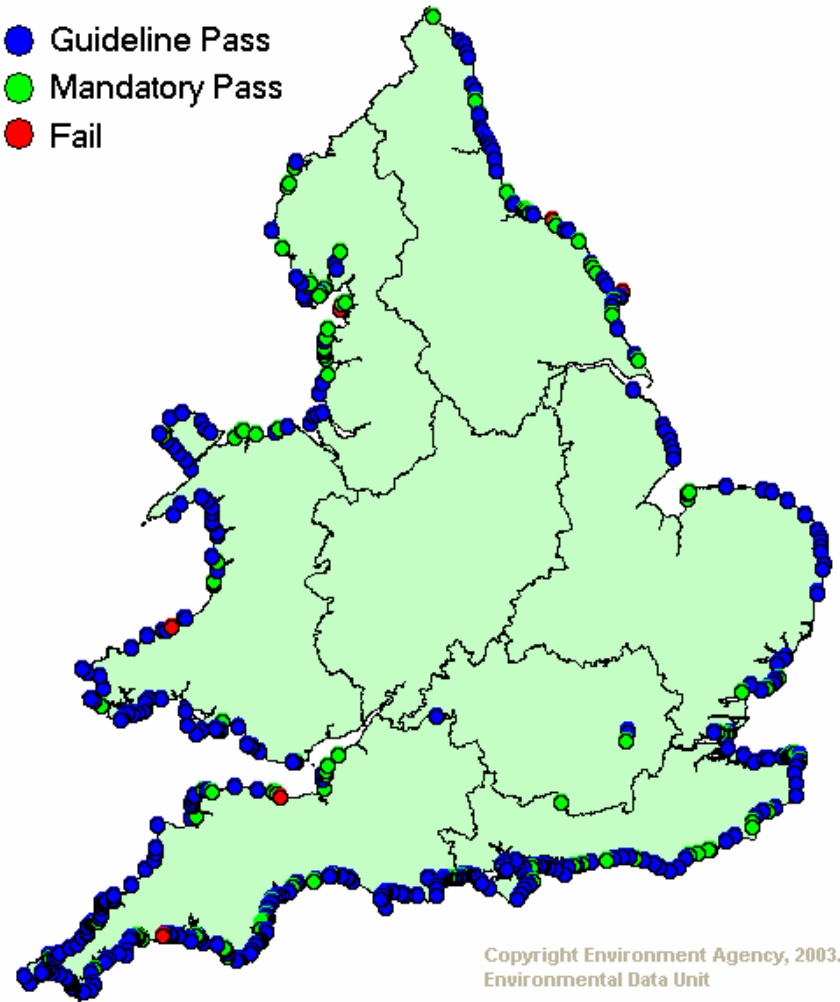
Directive on Bathing Water Quality

2004

Achieving high level of compliance

Bathing Water Compliance in England and Wales for the Current Directive, 2003

- Guideline Pass
- Mandatory Pass
- Fail



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bathing water quality tomorrow

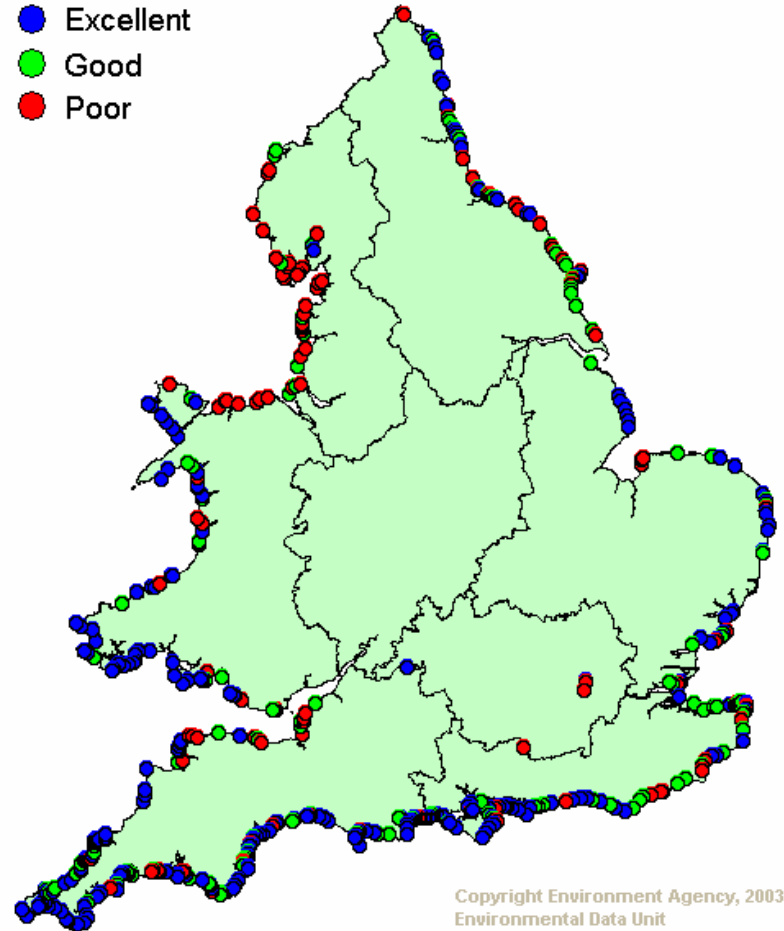
Based on new science

A move from monitoring
to management

Tighter minimum
standard

Classification assessment of Bathing Waters,
based on 2001 to 2003 data
95%ile Face Value Approach as outlined in
the Draft Proposal (October 2002)

- Excellent
- Good
- Poor



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disregarding short term failures

If you are actively managing bathing activity at the beach concerned, short term incidents can be discounted

Demonstrated by:

prediction systems

risk management planning

warn and inform your public



timeline

2002 Revision drafted

2004 December

Environment Council agrees common position and sends to European Parliament (EP)

2005 March/April

Directive adopted if EP accepts position
OR makes amendments for negotiation
OR a majority rejects it completely



sharing good practice

2002 National Conference

Discussed implications for local authorities

Incident Management Plans + Public Information

Local Workshop

Develop integrated response to bathing water quality incident - workshop pack available

March 08 2005 National Conference

Making an informed choice: improving public understanding of bathing water quality



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