9th International Meuse Symposium Implications Urban Wastewater Directive (2024)



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Present EU Directives and regulations

- The Urban Waste Water Treatment Directive (91/271/EEC)
- Water Framework Directive ((2000/60/EC)
- REACH (Regulation (EC) No 1907/2006)
- The Priority Substances Directive (2008/105/EC)
- Industrial Emissions Directive (2010/75/EC)



Prioritization WWTP NL vs EU guideline

Prioritization NL	EU Guideline
Impact on waterbody	> 100.000 i.e. before 2035
Effect on sensitive area's	> 50.000 i.e. 2035 - 2040
PNEC	< 10.000 i.e. no measures
Monitoring guide substances medicines	
Monitoring micro-pollutans	



UWWTD directive (2024)

- Oct. 2022 proposal for a revised UWWTD by 2024
 - making the wastewater sector energy-neutral
 - improving access to sanitation in public spaces
 - monitoring of health parameters in wastewater
 - making industry responsible for treating toxic micropollutants
 - *removal of a minimum of 80% of micropollutans from wastewater by 2024*
- Over 1500 amendments submitted



Commitment of member states

- State of affair regarding the realization of the objectives of the UWWTD 1991?
- Following closely EU guidelines or implementation 'in the spirit of'?
- Chances of new guideline; what is good
- Threats of new guideline; what is not so good
- Missed opportunities?; what should to be improved
- Open ends?; what is missing
- Implication for the Euregio Meuse-Rhine?