

Framework for Community action in the field of water policy. Water Framework Directive

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The amendments proposed by the Commission concern mainly Article 21 of the initial proposal regarding Community strategies against pollution by certain substances. The principal advantage of this article is that it is based on an approach including all sources of pollution, not only processes, and makes it possible to choose the appropriate measures and response. This approach is maintained in the amended proposal. The principal objective of the amendments to Article 21 may be summarized as follows: a) method of establishing priorities among the dangerous substances concerned b) establishing a framework for actions concerning priority substances including: - localizing major discharges of the substances concerned, including both processes and products - analysis to determine the appropriate level of regulation and the most cost effective measures for reducing pollution, use of the best available technology principle in the case of processes. in accordance with the combined approach and the existing provisionals of Directive 76/464/EEC.