

to AIE

Sorry Ana

In relation to my first request; While you may be correct in saying that Waterways Ireland is responsible for the water quality monitoring of canals as I understand it the EPA are responsible for water quality monitoring of rivers such as the River Barrow which also happens to be a Certified Navigation.

Your response to my second request refers to 'Canals'; In this case the draft of the Barrow (River)Navigation is a quantity issue and is not to be confused with the draft of a still water canal and my second point still stands unanswered.

While your response to my third request is definitive and clear and answered in full it does not resolve my first or second queries to establish why the draft of the Navigation as defined in the Canal byelaws of 1986 as being 1.2 meters is not being used as the benchmark for the good water quantity requirements for the Water Framework Directive for which the EPA is responsible.

Therefore it may be helpful if you clarified what criteria the EPA are applying to the Barrow to comply with the good water quantity requirements of the Water Framework Directive.

Yours Sincerely and Seasons Greetings

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Dear Michael

I refer to your email below. I have received the following response from the relevant staff within the EPA to your request for clarification on your first and second queries.

1. The certified draft of the Barrow Navigation is not explicitly considered in the implementation of the WFD.
2. Surface water quantitative status is not assessed under the WFD. The WFD requires management of water quantity to ensure that there is sufficient water to sustain the ecology of surface water bodies, which include canals. There is no requirement to include an assessment or management of water quantity for the purpose of navigation. As such, the quantity of water in surface waters is assessed as a supporting element of the ecological status of water bodies i.e. ecological / e-flows. The management of the quantity of water for navigation rests with Waterways Ireland.

I hope this assists.

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right.

We're
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trouble

