

Oil Installation Guidelines Released

Guernsey Water and the Environment Department have collaborated in putting together a set of guidelines for the safe installation of tanks, boilers and pipes intended to hold, carry or convey oil.

The document has been produced to give guidance to plumbers and the general public so as to minimise the risk of pollution to the Island's public water supplies as required under the prevention of pollution legislation, and to give guidance as to the requirements under current building regulations.

Guernsey Water's director of water services Andrew Redhead said: "Oil installations pose a significant contamination threat to our water supply here in Guernsey, so it is vital that tanks and boilers are installed correctly to prevent any pollution problems occurring."

The Environment Department's building control manager Tony Yates also said: "It is also necessary to ensure that oil tanks and boilers are installed so that they do not pose an increased fire risk to persons living in or using buildings with oil installations."

Failure to comply with the conditions as set out by Guernsey Water and the Environment Department within these guidelines may lead to the oil tank not being filled, and potentially prosecution.

Copies of the document are available in hard copy from Guernsey Water (tel: 724552) and the Environment Department (tel: 717200). Copies can also be downloaded from www.water.gg and www.gov.gg/environment.

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