

Environment Agency Reference:

DP2022-
NE0270016027 –
Doe Park



Drought Permit – modify existing abstraction

Section 79A Water Resources Act 1991 as amended by the Environment Act 1995

The Environment Agency (“the Agency”) grants this drought permit to:

Yorkshire Water Services Limited (“the Water
Company”)

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Halifax Road
Bradford
West Yorkshire
BD6 2SZ

Registered Company Number: 02366682

This drought permit authorises the Water Company to impound water pursuant to Licence No. NE/027/0016/021 (“the Licence”) but with the provisions of that Licence suspended and/or modified as set out in the Schedule to this drought permit

This drought permit commences from the effective date shown below and shall remain in force until the date of expiry shown below.

All other provisions of the licence remain in full force and effect.

Signed Victoria Slingsby Yorkshire Area Drought Manager On behalf of Mike Dugher Yorkshire Area Director	Date of issue24 October 2022
	Date effective 24 October 2022
	Date of expiry31 March 2023

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SCHEDULE OF CONDITIONS

1. COMPENSATION FLOW

1.1 Condition 4.1 of the licence is substituted with the following:

Unless Condition 2.2.2, or 2.4 of this drought permit applies:

- (i) Subject to 1.1(ii) below, the Water Company shall make a uniform and continuous release of compensation flow of not less than 1,800 cubic metres per day from Doe Park Reservoir to Denholme Beck at National Grid Reference SE 07779 34112 (or such other location as agreed in writing by the Agency).
- (ii) If the regional reservoir stocks are below the Regional Drought Control Line as defined in Yorkshire Water 2022 Drought Plan for a period of more than four consecutive weeks then the Water Company shall make a uniform and continuous release of compensation flow of not less than 1,200 cubic metres per day from Doe Park Reservoir to Denholme Beck at National Grid Reference SE 07779 34112 (or other such location as agreed in writing by the Agency).

'Regional Drought Control Line' is stated in Figure 2.1 in Section 2.1 of the Yorkshire Water Services 2022 Drought Plan, marked 'DCL' in the graph for the Regional Reservoir Group (with the left hand vertical column representing in percentage terms how full the reservoirs in the entire Region are).

A day means any period of 24 consecutive hours reckoned from 9.00am.

2. ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING AND MITIGATION

2.1 The Water Company shall undertake the monitoring as set out in Appendix 1.

2.2 If the monitoring identifies signs of environmental problems, including but not limited to fish in distress, a pollution incident, water quality deterioration, algae blooms or spread of invasive non-native species, the following actions shall be undertaken by the Water Company:

2.2.1 (i) Upon finding any signs of environmental problems the Water Company shall as soon as practically possible notify the Agency in writing and by telephone on 0800 80 70 60 and shall provide details of the signs of distress and the location;

(ii) a remedial course of action shall be formulated to address the signs of environmental problems, which shall be implemented as directed in writing by the Agency.

2.2.2 If, upon being notified of any signs of environmental problems in accordance with condition 2.2.1(i), or at its own instigation, the Agency gives written notice that there is a disruption to the ecology the Water Company shall increase compensation flow from Doe Park Reservoir to Denholme Beck at National Grid Reference SE 07779 34112 to a rate of not less than 3,600 cubic metres per day, or such lesser quantity as may be agreed in writing by the Agency.

The Water Company shall commence the stated compensation flows as soon as possible and within 48 hours of receipt of written notification from the Agency.

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The Water Company shall not reduce compensation flows back to those specified in condition 1.1 until the Water Company has confirmed in writing that appropriate remedial action has been taken, and the Agency has confirmed in writing that it is satisfied with this.

2.3 The changes to the compensation water specified in conditions 1.1, 2.2.2 and 2.4 of this drought permit shall be made in a steady and controlled manner, at a rate so as not to cause any flooding of land, disturbance to water users downstream, any adverse effects on the quality of water in the inland water or any adverse impacts on the ecology of the inland water or dependent ecosystems.

2.4 **Freshet flows**

If, upon being notified by the Agency, or upon discovering through environmental monitoring or other evidence, that an increase in compensation flow is needed to support riverine ecology, as identified in the Water Company Environmental Monitoring Plan North West Area Appendix, termed IDMIT_9, the Water Company shall increase compensation flow at a time, to a rate and for a duration as agreed in writing by the Agency, and release from Doe Park Reservoir to Denholme Beck at National Grid Reference SE 07779 34112 (or other location as agreed in writing by the Agency).

3. **FURTHER CONDITIONS**

3.1 Unless the Agency otherwise agree in writing, this drought permit shall not be relied upon unless the Water Company has imposed Temporary Use Ban restrictions from Yorkshire Water Services 2022 Drought Plan for the Grid Resource Zone, and such restrictions remain in force.

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APPENDIX 1

ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING SCHEDULE: STANDARD SCHEDULE

Assessment Type	<p>Surveillance walkover surveys of habitat quality and ecological stress, recording signs of environmental problems</p> <p>The water company shall discuss and agree with the Agency any proposed changes to this monitoring schedule in advance of carrying out any of the survey work.</p>
Duration of Monitoring	The environmental monitoring surveys shall take place from the first day that the total compensation flow to Denholme Beck from Doe Park Reservoir is reduced under this drought permit until this drought permit expires or is revoked, unless otherwise agreed by the Environment Agency.
Environmental Distress	<p>The following are suggested signs of environmental problems but are not exhaustive. If advice is required then the Agency can be contacted on 0800 80 70 60.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fish in distress, for example gasping at the surface or leaping out of the water. • Dead fish. • Concentration of fish in restricted areas/pools which could increase susceptibility to predation. • Inhibition of movement of fish past river structures or other barriers. • Reduced habitat availability for adult and juvenile life stages (including spawning/nursery areas). • Reduced depth of flow over brown trout redds. • Signs of polluting discharges during walkover surveys, problems exacerbated during lower flows and/or reduced dilution. • Algal blooms. <p>Establishment and/or expansion of invasive non-native species.</p>
Monitoring Method & Standard of Assessment	<p>The water company shall measure and record the following information. For all environmental problems identified:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The location of the site of environmental problems observed. • A photo or photos should be taken of any signs of environmental distress. • Weather conditions at the time of the observations. • Dissolved oxygen concentration • Ammonium concentration <p>Where relevant to the environmental problem observed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximate number of dead fish. • Any signs of damage or disease. • Approximate number of fish in distress, gasping at the surface or leaping out of the water. • Whether the fish are being stranded in shallow pools. • Depth of water over brown trout redds • Description of structures and stretches of any watercourses that have no flow or significantly reduced flow.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Approximate size of the fish affected. • The species affected. • Signs of pollution. • Presence of algal blooms/scums. <p>Species, location and extent of invasive non-native species.</p>
Frequency of monitoring	On the day of any flow changes implemented under conditions 1.1,1.2 or 2.2.2, the day after and then weekly thereafter until no further flow changes are made. If no signs of environmental problems are noted from two consecutive walkover surveys no further walkover surveys are necessary until there are further flow changes.
Location of Monitoring	Denholme Beck between SE 07612 34330 to SE 07435 34742.
Survey Results	<p>At the same time each week for the duration of the Drought Permit, the water company shall provide to the Environment Agency in the form of a calendar week report, the following details:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">i) Monitoring data as required from Condition 2.1,</p> <p>The report shall be sent to drought.yorkshire@environment-agency.gov.uk</p> <p>Note: a calendar week is a period of 7 consecutive days beginning on a Monday.</p>
Responsibility	<p>Unless otherwise discussed and agreed in writing, the water company will be responsible for all of the costs associated with this monitoring programme.</p> <p>Health and safety requirements whilst carrying out the surveys are the responsibility of the water company.</p>

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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Note: the following information is provided for information only. It does not form part of the licence.

REASONS FOR MODIFICATIONS AND CONDITIONS

Mitigation

Condition 2 of this drought permit has been included to mitigate against any environmental problems that may be caused by or affected by the water company reducing compensation flows. The Agency will take into consideration any other actions the water company are taking or plan to take in order to mitigate effects on the environment, such as mitigation actions identified in their 'Drought Plan: Environmental Assessment Report – North West Area Reservoirs', 07/09/2022.

For the purpose of condition 2.2.1 the water company shall notify the Agency via email to: drought.yorkshire@environment-agency.gov.uk and by telephone on 0800 80 70 60 and make reference to that fact that this is in regard to the 'Doe Park Reservoir Drought Permit.'

Freshet Flows

Condition 2.4 allows for compensation flows to be temporarily increased from the quantities specified under Condition 1.1 through the range of flows up to the maximum authorised under Licence No. NE/027/0016/021. Section 3.4.'In Drought Mitigation Options' of Yorkshire Water's Environmental Monitoring Plan identifies Freshet Flows in the context of this drought permit as;

IDMIT_9 - Artificial freshet release to provide temporary variation in the flow regime (fish, white-clawed crayfish, fine-lined pea mussel, water vole, otter)

For the purpose of Condition 2.4, the Water Company shall, prior to making any increase in compensation flows, first seek agreement of the Agency via email to: drought.yorkshire@environment-agency.gov.uk and by telephone on 0800 80 70 60 and make reference to that fact that this is in regard to the 'Doe Reservoir Drought Permit.'

IMPORTANT NOTES

Temporary Use ban

You must follow your 2022 drought plan and implement a Temporary Use Ban (under sections 76 and 76A – C of the Water Industries Act 1991) before using the powers granted by this permit, unless the Agency agrees that such ban is not necessary due to the circumstances at the time.

Environmental Monitoring Plan

The conditions and monitoring incorporated on this permit is in addition to the Environmental Monitoring Plan agreed between the Agency and the water company.