

## MCERTS Bulletin 9 – Flow less than 50m<sup>3</sup>/day

Environment Agency Flow Policy Guidance states that [for Water Utilities] “all sewage discharges which have numeric quality limits and a consented Dry Weather Flow (DWF) equal to or greater than 50 m<sup>3</sup>/day, flow measurement is a requirement.”

The requirement is based on the consented DWF, not the actual DWF. Therefore, if the consented DWF is 50 m<sup>3</sup>/day or greater flow measurement is required, regardless of the actual DWF. However, if data is available to show a lower flow the Consent holder could choose to apply for a variation in their consented DWF to a figure below 50 m<sup>3</sup>/day. They would then fall outside the policy requirement and have the option of removing flow measurement, unless the Agency region believed that flow measurement was essential and required its continuation under the sub 50 m<sup>3</sup>/day option.