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EA 2025: CREATING A BETTER PLACE

I am writing to you to draw your attention to the publication of the Environment Agency's new action plan, EA2025 (attached to this email and available here [<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/environment-agency-ea2025-creating-a-better-place>]). It sets out what we want to achieve over the next 5 years to create a greener, healthier future.

The plan sets out three long term goals: a nation resilient to climate change; healthy air, land and water; green growth and a sustainable future.

We can only achieve those goals by working with you and our other partners. Whether it's enabling sustainability through our regulation of industry, working with other regulators, or engaging with NGOs and communities around the sites we regulate, we are committed to working even more closely with the people and places we serve.

We publish EA 2025 at a time when Coronavirus has changed the world, and at the Environment Agency we've spent the last 3 months responding to its impacts. With the necessary safety precautions now in place, our frontline staff are back on the ground and actively tackling issues such as prosecuting waste criminals, regulating hazardous industrial sites and delivering our flood defence construction projects.

Coronavirus has shown us what a global crisis looks like, which is why it's important, as we turn our attention to supporting the green recovery, that we have a laser focus on the climate emergency. Our new action plan puts that at the heart of everything we will do.

We want a healthier, greener, sustainable and equitable future. To secure that we have to turn the challenges we face – economic downturn, Coronavirus, the climate emergency itself - into opportunities to build back better. EA2025 seeks to do just that. I invite you to read it, and we look forward to working with you as we implement it over the next five years.

Yours faithfully



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