

Dewatering?  
You will need an  
Abstraction  
Licence !!

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## Updated Guidance on Dewatering Regulations

When you are involved with a project that has a groundwater management challenge. To enable construction works, dewatering should be considered as a cost effective and environmentally conscientious method.

However, there is a requirement to begin the process of applying for suitable licences and consents, as soon as possible.

It is often a misconception that dewatering will be permissible under the Environment Agency (EA) exemption conditions for small scale dewatering (Regulation 5):

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2017/1044/regulation/5/made> However, this is not the case, since the exemption **does not** apply to wells, boreholes or wellpoints.

You legally cannot commence pumping until all required licences and consents are in place. Therefore, **it is important that you are aware of this risk and leave sufficient time to obtain the required licences.**

Stuart Wells can oversee and undertake the licencing application process for you. Please contact us for more information on how we can assist your project.

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