



## Radioactive Substances Regulation (RSR): Objective and Principles December 2021

The RSR objective and principles are a statement of the:

- fundamental objective of our regulation
- regulatory principles that we apply when carrying out our work
- We have a specific RSR objective because the regulation of radioactive substances is different to other aspects of environmental regulation. RSR is a goal-setting regime based on the work of the International Commission on Radiological Protection (ICRP).

The RSR objective and principles:

- guide our decision-making
- provide transparency to permit holders
- give confidence to stakeholders
- enable the RSR function to play its part in achieving the Environment Agency's strategic goals

The RSR objective and principles in this document have replaced the RSR fundamental principles set out in our 2009 publication 'Radioactive Substances Regulation - Environmental Principles, Regulatory Guidance Series, No RSR 1'. We have withdrawn this publication.

RSR 1 also contained generic developed principles on a wide range of topics. These are still part of our current guidance and we have published these separately in our document RSR Generic Developed Principles: Regulatory Assessment (copies attached):

- Management and Leadership Developed Principles (MLDPs)
- Radioactive Substances Management Developed Principles (RSMDPs)
- Radiological Protection Developed Principles (RPDPs)
- Site Evaluation Generic Developed Principles (SEDPs)
- Engineering Developed Principles (ENDPs)
- Emergency Preparedness and Response Developed Principles (EPRDPs)
- Decommissioning Developed Principles (DEDPs)
- Contaminated Land Developed Principals (CLDPs).