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## Severn Trent Services Supports UK Water Industry Programme

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Severn Trent Services [Analytical Services](http://www.stsanalytical.com) is playing a key role in the UK Water Industry Chemical Investigation Programme (CIP), providing analysis to some of the UK's leading Water Companies.

Severn Trent Services will be analyzing over 8,000 wastewater samples for customers including Yorkshire Water Services Ltd, Thames Water Utilities, Dŵr Cymru Welsh Water, Southern Water and Scottish Water, as well as sampling for some customers. To meet the requirements of the programme, samples of sewage influents, sewage sludge, primary and final effluent will be analysed. In addition samples from industrial, commercial and domestic properties will be analysed to identify sources of potential pollutants.

The programme, which has been developed by the UK water industry, working in collaboration with United Kingdom Water Industry Research (UKWIR), the Environment Agency and other regulators, has been designed to support the UK's understanding of the Water Framework Directive (WFD) and its potential impact with respect to the control of hazardous substances. It will include the investigation of over 45 target substances, including metals, industrial chemicals, biocides, pharmaceuticals and endocrine disruptors. The first stage of the programme will determine if discharge of treated effluents could result in any of these substances exceeding Environmental Quality Standards, set out in the WFD. Where Environmental Quality Standards are exceeded, the Environment Agency will be responsible for identifying a Programme of Measures (POMs) to meet compliance. Proportional and effective POMs will be developed by identifying the sources of pollution and future stages of the programme will attempt to identify the source of any specific pollutants. The programme will also seek to identify potential water treatment options to remove pollutants from wastewater streams.

The overall aim of the Chemical Investigation Programme is to provide a sound and technically justifiable basis for future measures to be taken that achieve good ecological status, in line with WFD requirements. The analysis provided by Severn Trent Services will be fundamental to the programme.

### About Severn Trent Services Analytical Services

Severn Trent Services Analytical Services ([www.stsanalytical.com](http://www.stsanalytical.com)) offers leading solutions in Water, Land and Waste analysis, providing scientific services in Chemistry and Microbiology. We offer a range of support services including Sampling, Scheduling, On-site Analysis, Field Services, Equipment for Hire and Project Management to help our customers find a solutions

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package that meets their requirements. We are committed to delivering a reliable, consistent and quality service for our customers.

### **About Severn Trent Services**

Severn Trent Services ([www.severntrentservices.com](http://www.severntrentservices.com)), with global headquarters in Fort Washington, Pa., USA, is a leading supplier of water and wastewater solutions. The company's broad range of products and services is concentrated around disinfection, instrumentation and filtration technologies and contract operating services. Our analytical services group is the United Kingdom's leading environmental testing organization, and our international operating services business provides worldwide contract operation and support for all aspects of water and wastewater utility operational development and business transformation. Severn Trent Services is a member of the Severn Trent Plc (London: SVT.L) group of companies. Severn Trent is a FTSE 100 company.

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