

## Formal restrictions to surface water direct spray irrigation in East Anglia Area. 22 August 2022

Despite recent summer storms we are still experiencing drought conditions in river catchments across East Anglia. We have been managing the situation by asking water abstractors to take less water in vulnerable river catchments in accordance with their pre-agreed water abstraction licence conditions.

The situation continues to deteriorate so we are now having to take further steps to protect the environment and other water abstractors, using our powers under Section 57 of the Water Resources Act 1991.

On Wednesday, 24 August, we will be contacting customers who take water from surface water sources for 'spray irrigation' and instructing them to reduce their uptake by 50%. This is for surface water direct spray irrigators only and takes effect from Monday, 29 August to Saturday, 1 November, and applies in the following river catchments:

### Norfolk

Rivers Tud, Yare and Tas,

### Suffolk