



Environmental Protection Act 1990

1990 CHAPTER 43

[^{F1}PART IIA

CONTAMINATED LAND

^{F2}[^{F1}78L Appeals against remediation notices. **E+W**

- (1) A person on whom a remediation notice is served may, within the period of twenty-one days beginning with the day on which the notice is served, appeal against the notice—
 - [^{F3}(a) if it was served by a local authority in England [^{F4}or by the Environment Agency] , to the Secretary of State;
 - (b) if it was served by a local authority in Wales [^{F5}or by the Natural Resources Body for Wales] , to the National Assembly for Wales;]and in the following provisions of this section “the appellate authority” means [^{F6}the Secretary of State or the National Assembly for Wales, as the case may be].
- (2) On any appeal under subsection (1) above the appellate authority—
 - (a) shall quash the notice, if it is satisfied that there is a material defect in the notice; but
 - (b) subject to that, may confirm the remediation notice, with or without modification, or quash it.
- (3) Where an appellate authority confirms a remediation notice, with or without modification, it may extend the period specified in the notice for doing what the notice requires to be done.
- (4) Regulations may make provision with respect to—
 - (a) the grounds on which appeals under subsection (1) above may be made;
 - (b) ^{F7}.....
 - (c) the procedure on an appeal under subsection (1) above ^{F8}...
- (5) Regulations under subsection (4) above may (among other things)—
 - (a) include provisions comparable to those in section 290 of the ^{M1}Public Health Act 1936 (appeals against notices requiring the execution of works);

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- (b) prescribe the cases in which a remediation notice is, or is not, to be suspended until the appeal is decided, or until some other stage in the proceedings;
 - (c) prescribe the cases in which the decision on an appeal may in some respects be less favourable to the appellant than the remediation notice against which he is appealing;
 - (d) prescribe the cases in which the appellant may claim that a remediation notice should have been served on some other person and prescribe the procedure to be followed in those cases;
 - (e) make provision as respects—
 - (i) the particulars to be included in the notice of appeal;
 - (ii) the persons on whom notice of appeal is to be served and the particulars, if any, which are to accompany the notice; and
 - (iii) the abandonment of an appeal;
 - (f) make different provision for different cases or classes of case.
- (6) This section, ^{F9} . . . , is subject to section 114 of the ^{M2}Environment Act 1995 (delegation or reference of appeals etc).]

Extent Information

- E1** This version of this provision extends to England and Wales only; a separate version has been created for Scotland only

Textual Amendments

- F1** Pt. 2A (ss. 78A-78YC) inserted (in force at 21.9.1995 for certain purposes only, at 1.4.2000 for E. in so far as not already in force, at 14.7.2000 for S. for certain purposes and otherwise 14.7.2000) by 1995 c. 25, s. 57, (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1995/1983, art. 3; S.I. 2000/340, art. 2(a); S.S.I. 2000/180, art. 2(1)(a)(2); S.I. 2000/1986, art. 2
- F2** Pt. IIA (ss. 78A-78YC) inserted (in force at 21.9.1995 for certain purposes only, at 1.4.2000 for E. in so far as not already in force, at 14.7.2000 for S. for certain purposes and otherwise 14.7.2000) by 1995 c. 25, s. 57 (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1995/1983, art. 3; S.I. 2000/340, art. 2(a); S.S.I. 2000/180, art. 2(1)(a)(2); S.I. 2000/1986, art. 2
- F3** S. 78L(1)(a)(b) substituted (E.W.) (16.3.2006 for certain purposes for W. and 10.12.2006 otherwise for W. and 4.8.2006 for certain purposes in relation to E.) by Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16), ss. 104(2), 108 (with s. 104(6)(7)); S.I. 2006/768, arts. 3, 4; S.I. 2006/1361, art. 2(1) (subject to art. 2(2)); S.I. 2006/2989
- F4** Words in s. 78L(1)(a) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/755), art. 1(2), Sch. 2 para. 217(2) (with Sch. 7)
- F5** Words in s. 78L(1)(b) substituted (1.4.2013) by The Natural Resources Body for Wales (Functions) Order 2013 (S.I. 2013/755), art. 1(2), Sch. 2 para. 217(3) (with Sch. 7)
- F6** Words in s. 78L(1) substituted (E.W.) (16.3.2006 for certain purposes for W. and 10.12.2006 otherwise for W. and 4.8.2006 for certain purposes in relation to E.) by Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16), ss. 104(3), 108 (with s. 104(6)(7)); S.I. 2006/768, arts. 3, 4; S.I. 2006/1361, art. 2(1) (subject to art. 2(2)); S.I. 2006/2989
- F7** S. 78L(4)(b) repealed (E.W.) (16.3.2006 for certain purposes for W. and 10.12.2006 otherwise for W. and 4.8.2006 for certain purposes in relation to E.) by Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16), ss. 104(4)(a), 107, 108, Sch. 5 Pt. 10 (with s. 104(6)(7)); S.I. 2006/768, arts. 3, 4; S.I. 2006/1361, art. 2(1) (subject to art. 2(2)); S.I. 2006/2989
- F8** Words in s. 78L(4)(c) repealed (E.W.) (16.3.2006 for certain purposes for W. and 10.12.2006 otherwise for W. and 4.8.2006 for certain purposes in relation to E.) by Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment

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- F9** Words in s. 78L(6) repealed (E.W.) (16.3.2006 for certain purposes for W. and 10.12.2006 otherwise for W. and 4.8.2006 for certain purposes in relation to E.) by **Clean Neighbourhoods and Environment Act 2005 (c. 16)**, ss. 104(5), 107, 108, **Sch. 5 Pt. 10** (with s. 104(6)(7)); S.I. 2006/768, **arts. 3, 4**; S.I. 2006/1361, **art. 2(1)** (subject to art. 2(2)); S.I. 2006/2989

Modifications etc. (not altering text)

- C6** S. 78L: power to delegate certain functions conferred (1.4.1996) by **1995 c. 25, s.114** (with ss. 7(6), 115, 117); S.I. 1996/186, **art. 3**

Marginal Citations

- M1** 1936 c. 49.
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 - (b) if it was served by the appropriate Agency, to the Secretary of State;and in the following provisions of this section “the appellate authority” means the magistrates' court, the sheriff or the Secretary of State, as the case may be.
- (2) On any appeal under subsection (1) above the appellate authority—
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- s. 30(4A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(2\)](#)
- s. 33ZB(10A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(3\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 34ZB(8A) inserted by [2021 c. 30 s. 69\(5\)\(b\)](#)
- s. 45A-45AZG substituted for s. 45A by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(4\)](#)
- s. 46(2)(a)(b) substituted for words by [2021 c. 30 s. 57\(5\)](#)
- s. 106A inserted by [2023 c. 6 s. 41\(2\)](#)
- s. 161(2AA)(2AB) inserted by [2016 anaw 3 s. 69\(4\)](#)