



Environmental

We'll be by your side at every step, offering an experienced, efficient, commercial approach through even the most challenging of times.

As one of the leading, specialist environmental teams we're trusted by some of the largest global insurers and policyholders with their environmental claims. We become an extension of your claims handling team, and the immediate support of policyholders' directors. We also act for loss adjusters, utilities, developers, landowners, construction and demolition companies, manufacturers, waste management operators, banks, brokers and housing associations, advising on and defending regulatory actions by the Environment Agency.

What we do

We understand that managing costs and reputational damage are your biggest priorities. We also recognise that staying on top of environmental compliance obligations can present ongoing challenge and uncertainty. With an increased public interest and growing levels of fines you need an expert team, with experience that you can trust. That's why we work hard to make sure we not only understand your objectives, but also your opponents and how they operate. We'll advise you at the earliest opportunity, ensuring that we manage any exposure you might face in a practical, commercial way.

Our environmental services include:

- Water pollution
- Waste packaging, odour and disposal
- Unlawful waste deposits
- Recycling
- Contaminated land issues and environmental insurance
- Due diligence in relation to the environmental permitting and enforcement regimes.
- Trade effluent liabilities under the Water Resources Act 1991
- Transfer, retrieval and storage of radioactive substances in various jurisdictions around the World
- Advising on the potential impact of the Waste Incineration Directive and the Environmental Permitting Regulations
- Advising on the Environment Agency's hydropower policy

- Providing Environmental Legislation Registers for companies to comply with ISO 14001 requirements-covering Contaminated Land, WEEE, RoHS, Waste Packaging and REACH
- Group action environmental claims
- Advice on handling and working with regulators, brokers and other insurers

An international approach

We recognise that environmental claims require an, increasingly, international approach.

With offices across the UK, Ireland, Europe and wide afield, DWF offers a truly global service.

Most importantly, as the UK economy expands and grows, with an increasing number of global organisations entering the marketplace, we offer clear, expert guidance on UK regulations as well as day-to-day management of all UK-based claims.

Crisis Response

We understand that managing a claim doesn't just come down to litigation. Reputational damage and the wide range of other challenges presented are an important part of what you look to us to resolve.

Our Crisis Response service brings together specialist consultants with detailed knowledge of managing crisis situations for your business. These include lawyers, PR specialists, clinical psychologists, IT forensics specialists and industry bodies as well as consultants specialising in safeguarding online reputation.

Subscription to this free service ensures our clients are better prepared and protected in the event of a crisis.

Why DWF?

- As one of the largest and most experienced teams in the sector we're able to offer an unparalleled flexibility of service and price.
- With offices across the UK, Europe and the World we can present a united offering, wherever you are located.
- Our wider commercial services team, including public regulatory and commercial litigation experts, works collaboratively with DWF's environmental team to ensure we're always one step ahead, anticipating your needs.
- In addition to providing a wide, market-leading service we support all of our clients with a regular programme of face-to-face review meetings, case alerts and updates, events and training.

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