



# Environment Monitoring & Research Policy

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In order to achieve the stated Purpose and Mission, with respect to environmental monitoring and research activities the Authority will:

- develop and manage a programme of environmental monitoring and research, required by previous projects and consents, and relating to ongoing activities and future proposals;
- report to, and gain approval from the Mitigation and Monitoring Regulators Group for the ongoing works and research required by the Channel Deepening and subsequent harbour development consents;
- work towards reductions in cost and complexity whilst improving effectiveness and certainty of outcome;
- provide information to the Stour and Orwell Estuary Management Group to comply with Scheme of Management and Plan research commitments;
- consider new beneficial works or compensation projects for long-term development with EA, EN and others;
- maintain involvement with processes working towards implementing new legislation; and
- provide engineering and environmental input to the Authority's involvement with external management and conservation bodies including but not limited to EA Flood management Strategy and EA River Basin Liaison Panels.