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ENVIRONMENT PROTECTION AUTHORITY

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SOUTH EAST LANDOWNERS ORDERED TO STOP RECEIVING WASTE

The Environment Protection Authority has issued two South East property owners with Environment Protection Orders (EPO's) for dumping construction and demolition waste without an authorisation.

EPO's required the immediate cessation of receiving of waste and the removal of some wastes to a licensed depot.

Recent complaints from the public have highlighted the fact that the practice of illegal dumping in the South East is increasing.

EPA Chief Executive Helen Fulcher said: "It is an offence under the Environment Protection Act to receive or dispose of waste without an authorisation.

"The EPA is focusing its attention on the indiscriminate disposal of waste material by earth moving contractors and businesses. Waste contractors should operate according to the requirements of the Act, or risk fines and potential court action.

"There is a real danger of polluting the underground aquifer if this practice of illegal dumping is allowed to continue."