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## Houseboat greywater requirements updated

New requirements have been approved for houseboats that will allow owners to install cheaper, simpler greywater systems.

EPA Director, Science and Information, Keith Baldry, said the original 'Code of practice for vessel and facility management (marine and inland waters)' was developed in 2008 after extensive consultation with the industry.

"The code included the option for containing or treating greywater on board the vessel as requested by boat owners, but in recent years, issues arose with a commercially-available on-board treatment system, as well as maintenance requirements that applied to other systems," he said.

"The EPA and industry have worked together to initiate an alternative, cost-effective and sustainable solution to alleviate any outstanding compliance concerns.

"After testing and advice from our in-house scientists, we have endorsed this alternative system in the updated code of practice."

Under the new requirements, greywater from galley sinks will now be contained on board, then pumped to land for disposal due to its potential to carry pathogens, and materials such as oil, grease, waste solids and detergents.

Greywater from bathrooms and laundries represents a lower risk and can be treated on board using a residential greywater system with a bromination/chlorination function before being discharged back to the river.

The revised code of practice highlights the importance and value of government and industry working in partnership to establish practices for the ongoing benefit of the whole community.

"The EPA values working with industry and the community to establish practices that have ongoing benefit for the whole community," Mr Baldry said.

For more information on houseboat greywater requirements, visit <https://www.epa.sa.gov.au/greywater>