



# ENVIRONMENTAL ALERT

## Drain Jetting

### WHAT HAPPENED

#### Silt pollution following drain survey & jetting activities

A silt pollution occurred after a subcontractor working on our behalf allowed silty water to enter a watercourse.

The subcontractor was engaged to survey and jet storm water drains on our development. As part of this activity bungs were installed to prevent water leaving site and entering the river; however, the subcontractor removed the bungs allowing contaminated water to leave site.



### LEARNING

- Ensure subcontractors are inducted and understand the site drainage system (and where it leads)
- Review RAMS to ensure risks are addressed appropriately
- Site Management to check activity prior to removal of any bungs

### ACTION TO TAKE

#### WHO NEEDS TO TAKE ACTION

- Contracts Managers
- Site Managers
- Assistant Site Managers
- Site Agents

**Setting to work** – ensure subcontractors carrying out jetting are aware of the risks posed by their activities. Tell them about any sensitive receptors such as rivers and/or streams.

**Review RAMS** – make sure the method of works includes appropriate controls, as to not cause a pollution.

**Inspect works** – prior to any bungs being removed.

**Residual silt / water** – must be removed from the drains i.e. sucked out, by an authorised waste carrier prior to the removal of the last bung.