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Uncontrolled Silty Water Release



Date of incident	03/03/2026		Directorate	LCD SHEPD	
Region	NORTH	Location	SHETLAND	Classification	SERIOUS
What happened ?					

Contractors were excavating road verge for cable installation and allowed silty water to enter a ditch from a culvert.

The silty water travelled up to 200m but reached no sensitive areas. Contractors had been briefed by the Environmental Clerk of Works (ECoW) to have silt management and had information within the Risk Assessment to help, but on this occasion silt mitigations were not applied and a discharge occurred.

The Scottish Environmental Protection Agency (SEPA) will be informed of the incident as the event breached a condition of the Run-off Permit.

Remember: plan, scan and adapt – ensure any watercourses are identified and the appropriate silt mitigations are applied.

