

# New water anti-pollution laws 'welcome'



**GMB Union has today welcomed new legislation which could see water company bosses banned from receiving bonuses and even sent to prison in a bid to combat pollution.**

[BBC News Article](#)

**Gary Garter, GMB National Officer, said:**

"This is the first step to cleaning up the UK's rancid waterways - as well as the whole sector.

"GMB members want to see rivers and waterways restored to good health.



"For too long water companies have used public money to pay big bonuses and huge dividends, but failed to deliver the investment we desperately need.

"Tougher regulation is welcome but the Government must fundamentally overhaul the way water companies are run.

"They must be accountable not only to Ministers and regulators but unions, consumers and environmental groups too.

"The unaccountability of water companies must end."

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