

Definition of water-polluting substances in the sense of the International Joint River Bodies recommendations for the prevention of accidents and plant safety

By definition, water-polluting substances in the sense recommendations of the International Joint River Bodies for the prevention of accidents and plant safety are substances that have at least one of the following characteristics in compliance with EC Directive 67/548/EEC:

(T⁺) very toxic

(T) Toxic

(C) corrosive

(Xn) harmful to health

(N) Endangering the environment

Or **(R 52)** harmful to water organisms

Or **(R 53)** can have harmful effects in aquatic environments in the long term

The national Joint River Bodies suggests that the contracting parties preferentially apply the recommendations on plant safety and precaution against accident regarding these substances.

As a supplement to this, the catalogue of water-polluting substances (Federal Environmental Agency Berlin, UBA) can be employed.

WGK 1: Water Hazard Class 1 – low hazard to waters

WGK 2: Water Hazard Class 2 – hazard to waters

WGK 3: Water Hazard Class 3 – severe hazard to waters

This catalogue can be accessed on the Internet at the following address:
[http:// www.umweltbundesamt.de/wgs/wgs-index.htm](http://www.umweltbundesamt.de/wgs/wgs-index.htm), List: Appendix 2