

UPDATE ON COASTAL EROSION RISK INFORMATION
NOTE 7: August 2011

1.0 SUMMARY

- 1.1 We have made a series of final decisions about the NCERM project with Defra and Welsh Government Ministers and will now be resuming engagement with local authorities and others about data distribution and web publication.
- 1.2 Between now and December 2011, we will provide erosion risk information for the next 20, 50 and 100 years to local authorities and professional partners in England & Wales as soon as data is validated.
- 1.3 This autumn, 20 year data for SMPs 1 and 12 will be made available to the public on the Environment Agency website, with the remainder to follow in early 2012. All web publication arrangements are subject to local authority agreement.

2.0 DETAIL

- 2.1 Final validation of NCERM data and production of other professional partner products are being completed in the summer/autumn. The products comprise GIS database, high level erosion statistics and SMP comparison note to highlight any differences between the NCERM erosion data and that in the SMP. They will be disseminated via the Coastal Groups to local authorities as soon as they are ready. Products for SMPs 1, 2 and 12 where data validation is complete will be distributed in August.
- 2.2 The erosion information will be based on the agreed policies in the SMP. Where an SMP has yet to be adopted or approved, the policies used will be those from the public consultation.
- 2.3 The public erosion information for Wales will include 50 and 100 year erosion information, whilst acknowledging the uncertainty surrounding longer-term predictions.
- 2.4 Engagement activities to support the roll out will be agreed between local authorities and Environment Agency locally, but will work to objectives outlined in a national communications plan for NCERM.

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