

**365.2    *Sea pollution***

See also: *R v Southern Water Services Ltd* 2014 EWCA Crim 120 (LCJ Plea. Discovered sewage station was faulty and pumping effluent into the sea. Up to 50% of the sewage discharged was untreated. Environment Agency not notified for ten days and problem not remedy quickly enough. It was a breach of their licence. Further discharges later in the year as the repairs were not permanent. No evidence of actual harm. The Judge was entitled to conclude that there was potential for serious harm. Turnover of £0.75bn and post-tax profit in 2013 of £156.9m. 160 previous offences, representing persistent offending. No explanation of how the company had reformed itself. **£200,000** fine upheld.)