

Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Orkney Local Development

Appendix B.3: Water quality and overall status classification (2013)

Water body	Water quality	Change	Overall status	Change
LOCHS				
Loch of Swanney	Good	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Hundland	Good	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Boardhouse	Good	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Harray	Good	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Skail	Good	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Tankerness	Good	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Kirbister	Good	No change	Good	No change
Heldale Water	Good	No change	Good	No change
BURNS				
Burn of Hourston	Moderate	Degraded	Moderate	Improved
Voy Burn	Moderate	Improved	Moderate	Improved
Tormiston Burn	Good	No change	Moderate	No change
Netherbrough Burn	High	No change	Moderate	No change
Burn of Corrigall	Good	Degraded	Moderate	No change
Suso Burn	High	No change	Poor	No change
Burn of Sweenalay	Good	Degraded	Good	No change
Mill Burn d/s of Loch of Kirbister	High	No change	Moderate	Degraded
Mill Burn u/s of Loch of Kirbister	High	No change	Good	No change
Burn of Boardhouse	Moderate	Degraded	Moderate	Degraded
Burn of Kirbuster	High	No change	Good	No change
Burn of Hillside	High	No change	Good	No change

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Swannay Burn d/s Swanney Farm	High	No change	Good	No change
Swannay Burn u/s Swannay Farm	High	No change	Good	No change
Burn of Etheriegeo	High	No change	Good	No change
Rackwick Burn	Good	Degraded	Good	No change
Mill Burn	Good	Degraded	Good	No change
Loch of Stenness to Harray connecting water	High	No change	High	No change
COASTAL WATERS				
Old Head to Tor Ness	Good	No change	Good	No change
Dunnet Head to Duncansby Head	Good	No change	Good	No change
Mull Head to Old Head	Good	No change	Good	No change
Kirk Hope	Good	No change	Good	No change
Skaith, Mainland	Good	No change	Good	No change
Burgh Head to Mull Head	High	Improved	High	Improved
Long Ayre Lagoon	High	No change	High	No change
Tor Ness to Breck Ness	Good	No change	Good	No change
The Ouse, Finstown	High	Improved	High	Improved
Point of Backaquoy Lagoon	High	Improved	High	Improved
Kirkwall	High	Improved	High	Improved
Oyce of Isbister	High	Improved	High	Improved
The Ouse, Ling Holm, Shapinsay	High	Improved	High	Improved

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Breck Ness to Noup Head	High	Improved	High	Improved
Oyce of Huip, Stronsay	High	Improved	High	Improved
Sule Skerry and Sule Stack	High	Improved	High	Improved
Start Point to Burgh Head	High	Improved	High	Improved
Westray Firth	High	Improved	High	Improved
Noup Head to Start Point	High	Improved	High	Improved
Quivals Loch, Sanday	High	No change	High	No change
Bay of Brough Lagoons, Sanday	High	No change	High	No change
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Point of Nevin Lagoon, Sanday	High	No change	High	Improved
Little Sea Lagoon, Sanday	High	No change	High	Improved
Bay of Ham Lagoon	High	No change	High	Improved
Vasa Loch, Shapinsay	High	No change	High	Improved
Kirkwall Lagoon (Peedie Sea)	High	No change	Good	No change
Loch of Ayre, Mainland	Good	Degraded	Good	Degraded
Loch of Stenness, Mainland	Good	Degraded	Good	Degraded
Scapa Flow	Good	No change	Good	No change