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## THE IMPORTANCE OF COMPLYING WITH PERMIT CONDITIONS.

<b>WHAT HAPPENED?</b>	A routine inspection by the Environment Agency found that a Devon farmer was incorrectly storing liquid food and abattoir waste. The farmer was in breach of his permit, and had a history of similar offences at sites he operated.
<b>OUTCOME</b>	The farmer received an 18 week prison sentence suspended for two years. He was also ordered to carry out 100 hours community service and pay £1000 costs after pleading guilty to a total of five offences under the Environmental Permitting Regulations 2010.
<b>CONTEXT</b>	These liquids are usually used as a fertiliser, but they can pose a risk to human health and the environment – See Need to Know guide: storage.
<b>WHAT SHOULD HAVE BEEN DONE DIFFERENTLY?</b>	If you have a permit to store waste, it is your responsibility to ensure you are complying with the conditions of that permit. The Environment Agency will inspect your site to check and if you are not following regulations, you may be committing a criminal offence and risk prosecution, financial penalties, and/or imprisonment.