



United Kingdom

Water & Waste Water Market Brief 2009

United Kingdom: Important Links & Contacts

Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs - www.defra.gov.uk

Environment Agency - www.environment-agency.gov.uk

British Water - www.britishwater.co.uk

Water UK - www.water.org.uk

The Society of British Water and Wastewater Industries - www.sbwwi.co.uk

International Water Association - www.iwahq.org.uk



Market Overview

In 2007/2008, the value of the of the regulated UK water supply and sewerage services market was estimated at \$14.32 b. Each day the UK water industry collects, treats and supplies more than 16 billion liters of water to domestic and commercial consumers, and collects and treats over 10 billion liters of the resulting wastewaters. The industry comprises 12 water and sewerage service providers and 13 water suppliers, several of which are subsidiaries of international enterprises. The waste and waste water network includes more than 700,000 kilometers (km) of water mains and sewers, of which 640,026km are located in England and Wales, and nearly 670 reservoirs. In order to continue to provide good water and wastewater service the UK will need to make significant investment in infrastructure maintenance, particularly with regard to old pipe works and water-treatment facilities in large urban centers. Climate change is the biggest threat to the sustainability of water services. More frequent droughts, intense rainfall and flooding influence investment planning in all aspects of water services.

Several regulations affecting the water industry are derived from EU directives – notably drinking water, urban wastewater treatment, water framework, groundwater protection, sewage sludge and health and safety at work.

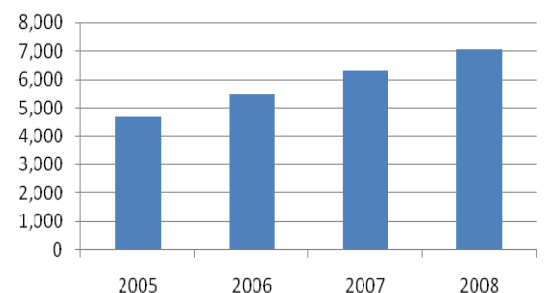
Opportunities exist for products and services related to water conservation, as well as technologies for improving water treatment methods, metering and waste treatment.

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Highlight Box

- If Government plans for substantial house building materialize, the distribution network will also have to be expanded; the same applies to the London 2012 Olympic.
- Sewage treatment and disposal presents long-term challenges and there is scope here for innovative technological solutions.

U.S. Imports of Taps, Cocks, and Valves for Pipes and Tanks (\$M)



Source: USA Trade Statistics