STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

The Water Act 1981 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1981

Made - - - - 3rd December 1981

The Secretary of State for the Environment, as respects England, and the Secretary of State for Wales, as respects Wales, in exercise of their powers under section 6(8) of the Water Act 1981(**a**) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following order:—

1. This order may be cited as the Water Act 1981 (Commencement No. 1) Order 1981.

2. Section 6 of the Water Act 1981 (which relates to the civil liability of statutory water undertakers for escapes of water) shall come into force on 1st April 1982.

Michael R. D. Heseltine,
Secretary of State for the Environment.

3rd December 1981.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

3rd December 1981.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(*This Note is not part of the Order.*)

This Order (which applies to England and Wales) brings into force, on 1st April 1982, section 6 of the Water Act 1981. That section provides that, subject to certain exceptions which are specified in the section, statutory water undertakers are to be liable for loss or damage caused by escapes of water from their mains or communication pipes.

(**a**) 1981 c. 12.

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