Assessment and management of flood risks

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In April 2007 the European Parliament adopted 26 out the 69 amendments originally tabled. The 26 that were adopted were part of a compromise package agreed upon with the Council. As such, the Commission accepts all of amendments in full.

Amendments to the recitals that clarify the role of climate change, flood plain management, environmental pollution, solidarity in shared river basin and the use of best available technologies, have all been accepted by the Commission.

Additional amendments that strengthen the Directive include:

- taking account of: future floods; climate change; existing flood defences and flood plains in the preliminary flood risk assessment;
- setting 2011 as the date by which the Directive will be assessed;
- setting out mapping requirements for other significant sources of pollution;
- establishing flood risk management plans for flood plain management;
- establishing sustainable land use practices;
- co-ordinating more with the Water Framework Directive.