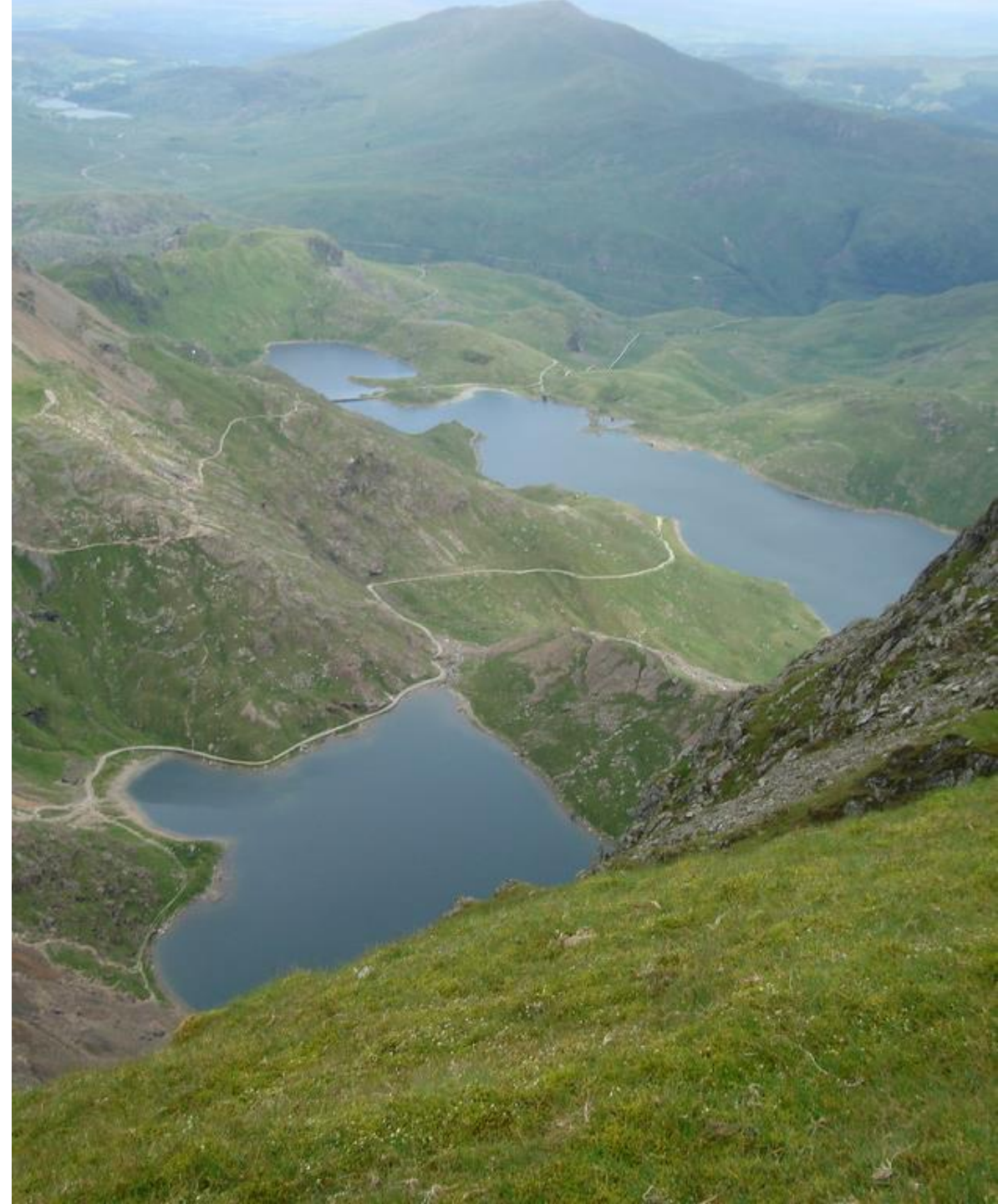




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## **Long Term Large Scale Freshwater Ecology**

A NERC Freshwater quality  
collaborative project



# Project team

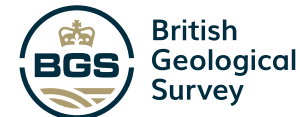
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# Project outline

Nutrient and chemical inputs



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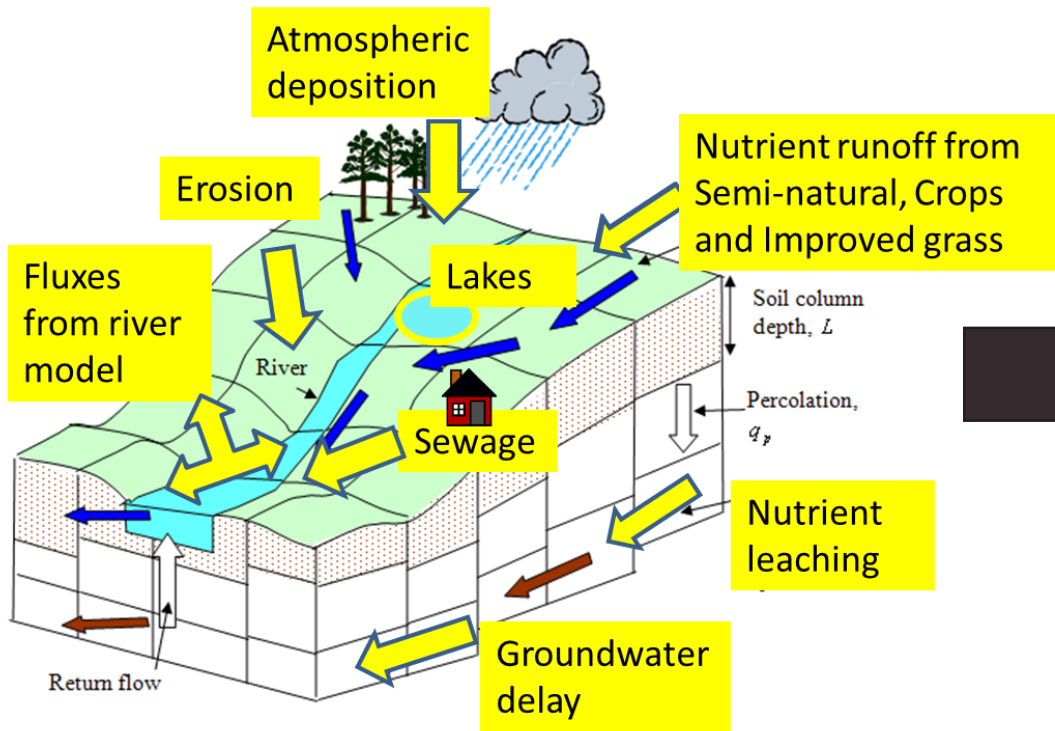
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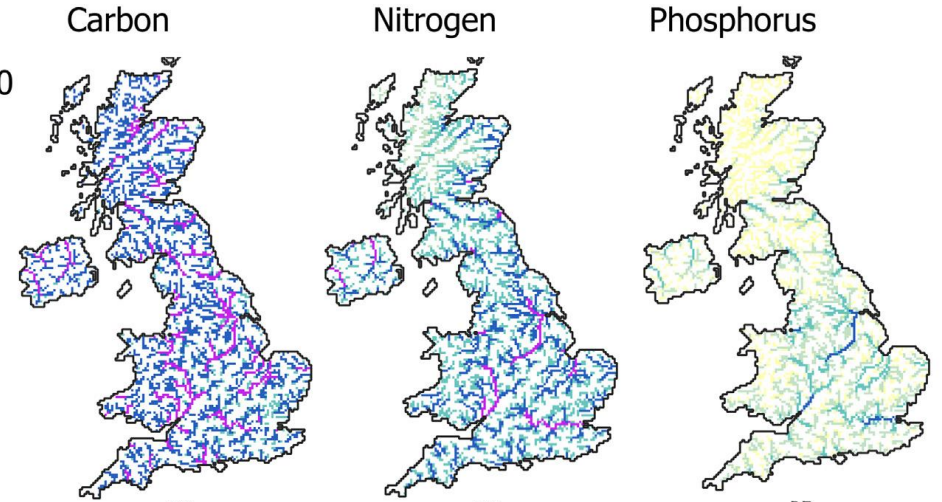
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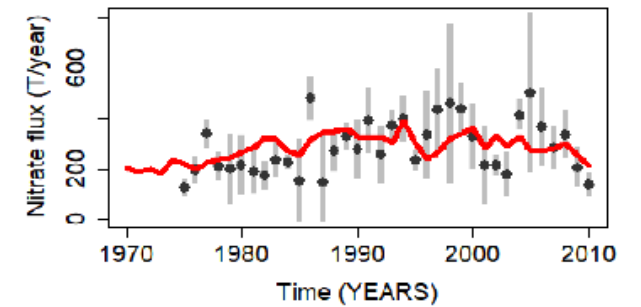
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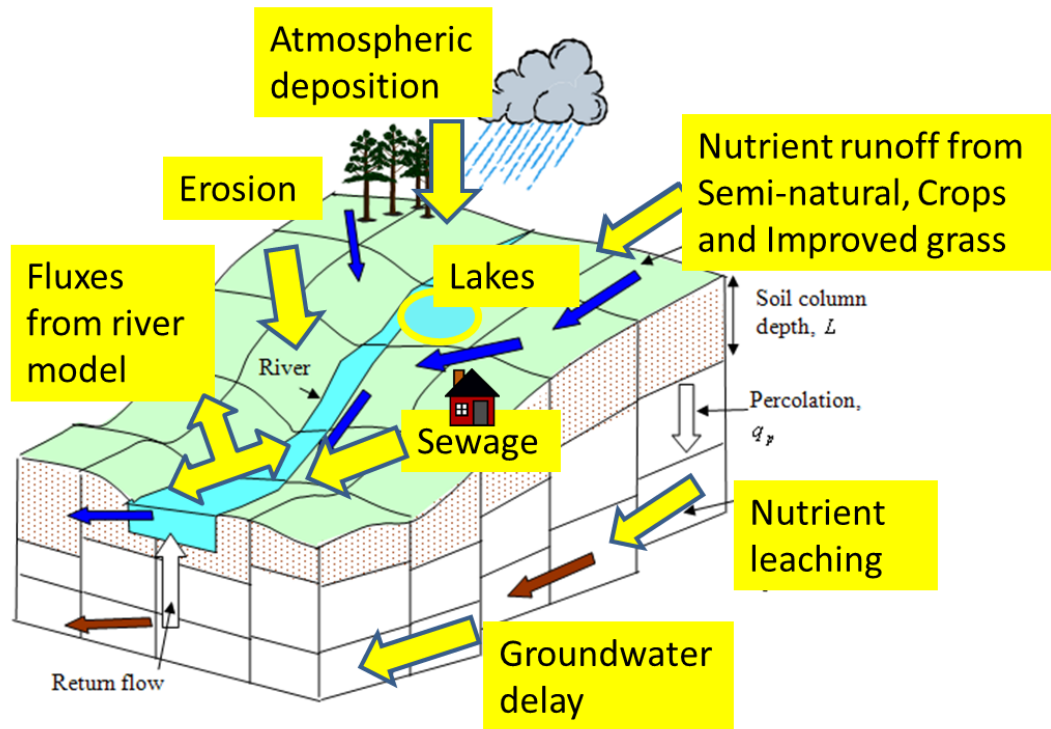
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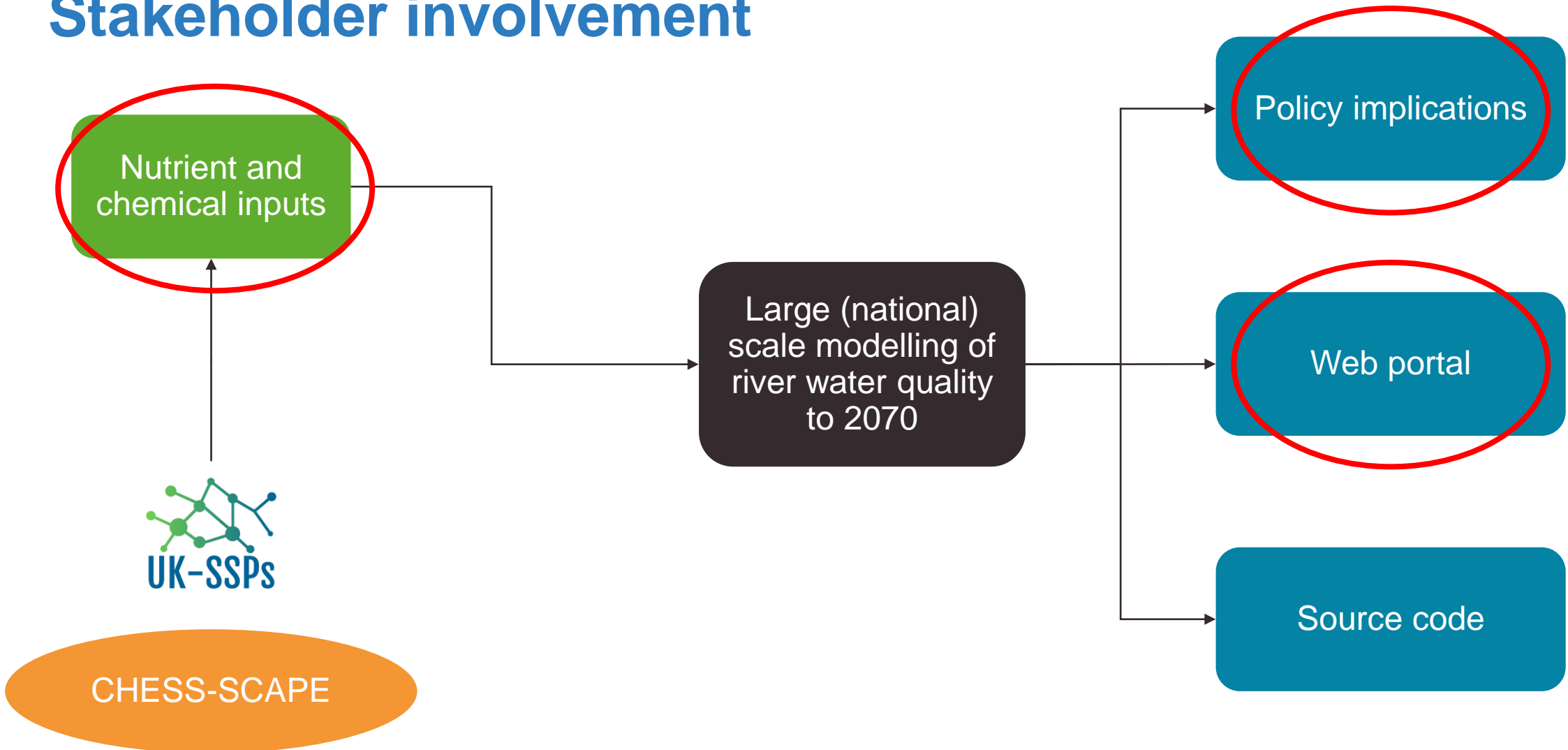
# LTLS to LTLS-FE



- **Inputs of chemicals**
  - domestical/industrial (point) vs agricultural (diffuse)
  - Substance-specific e.g. abandoned mines
- **Chemical modelling**
  - Partitioning, degradation
- **Impacts assessment**
  - Benthic macroinvertebrates
  - Diatoms



# Stakeholder involvement



# Chemical prioritization

## Medicinal substances (pharmaceuticals) and personal care products

Priority 1	Fipronil Caffeine Cetirizine Lamotrigine Telmisartan N,N-Diethyl-m-toluamide (DEET) Carbamazepine Triclosan
Priority 2 <sup>1</sup>	Clarithromycin Diazinon Venlafaxine* Cefalexin* Clindamycin* Ofloxacin* Benzophenone-3* <sup>2</sup>

## Industrial chemicals

Priority 1	Tris (1,3-dichloroisopropyl) phosphate Triphenyl phosphate (TPPA)
Priority 2	Bisphenol A DEHP (Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate) Perfluoro Octanoic Acid (PFOA) Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS) Pentabromodiphenyl ethers Fluorotelomer alcohols* <sup>3</sup> Decabromodiphenyl ether* Polychlorinated biphenyl (CB)118*

## Polyaromatic hydrocarbons

Priority 1	Fluoranthene Pyrene
Priority 2	Benzo(a)pyrene

## Agricultural pesticides - authorised

Priority 1	Dimethenamid (SAN 582H) Bentazone Boscalid (Nicobifen)
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Priority 2	Cypermethrin Thiamethoxam* <sup>4</sup> Clothianidin* <sup>5</sup> MCPA and precursors/degradation products*
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## Agricultural pesticides - banned

Priority 1	Rotenone Diuron
Priority 2 <sup>6</sup>	Atrazine Hexachlorobenzene Hexachlorocyclohexane

## Other substances, including those already selected

Priority 1	Nitrogen Phosphorus pH Biochemical oxygen demand Aluminium Nickel Copper Zinc Cadmium Lead Manganese* <sup>7</sup> Faecal coliforms
Priority 2	Arsenic* Tributyl tin* Silver*

- Necessary to prioritise chemicals to be modelled

- Prioritisation done with stakeholder input
- Basis: likelihood of causing impacts, pragmatic need to limit numbers

<sup>1</sup> Selected by stakeholder survey (at least 80% of respondents), or was a specific suggestion not on the proposed list (marked \*)

<sup>2</sup> Representative of UV sunscreen filter substances

<sup>3</sup> Precursor compounds to PFOA, frequently detected alongside PFOAs.

<sup>4</sup> Representative of neonicotinoids

<sup>5</sup> Neonicotinoid and degradation product of thiamethoxam

<sup>6</sup> No banned pesticide was voted for by 80% of stakeholders, so the three substances with 60% votes have been selected

<sup>7</sup> Suggested by stakeholder, had been wrongly omitted from the original list of

# Chemical inputs – data sources

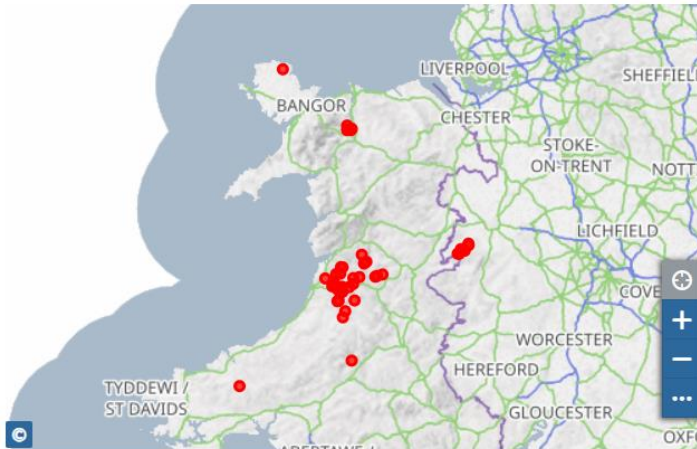


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## Inventory of Closed Mining Waste Facilities

Natural Resources Wales



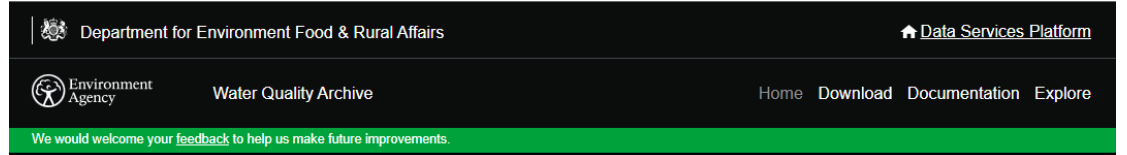
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### Water quality data archive

This data is updated regularly

The data is updated within two working days of a new sample being added. We also do a complete data refresh each month which may include corrections to earlier data.

The data was last updated on 26 June 2023 and the latest complete refresh was on 19 June 2023

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The Water Quality Archive provides data on water quality measurements. Samples are taken at sampling points around England and can be from coastal or estuarine waters, rivers, lakes, ponds, canals or groundwaters. They are taken for a number of purposes including compliance assessment against discharge permits, investigation of pollution incidents or environmental monitoring. The archive provides data on measurements and samples dating from 2000.

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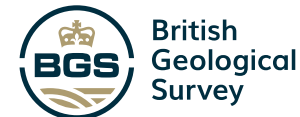
Documentation on the structure of data in this archive, and the meanings of the terms used.

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#### Explore

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Explore





# Scenario development → chemical input futures



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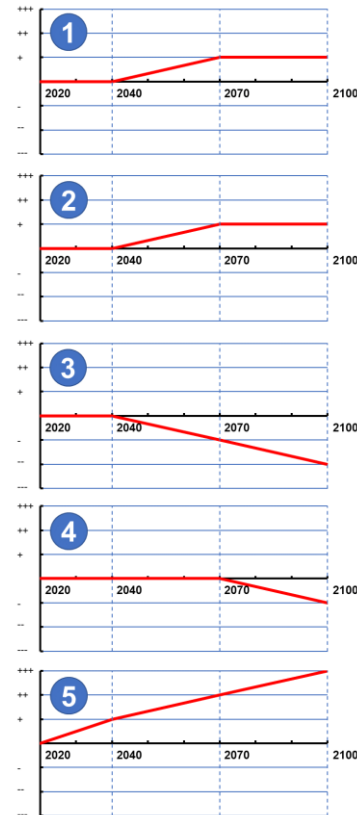
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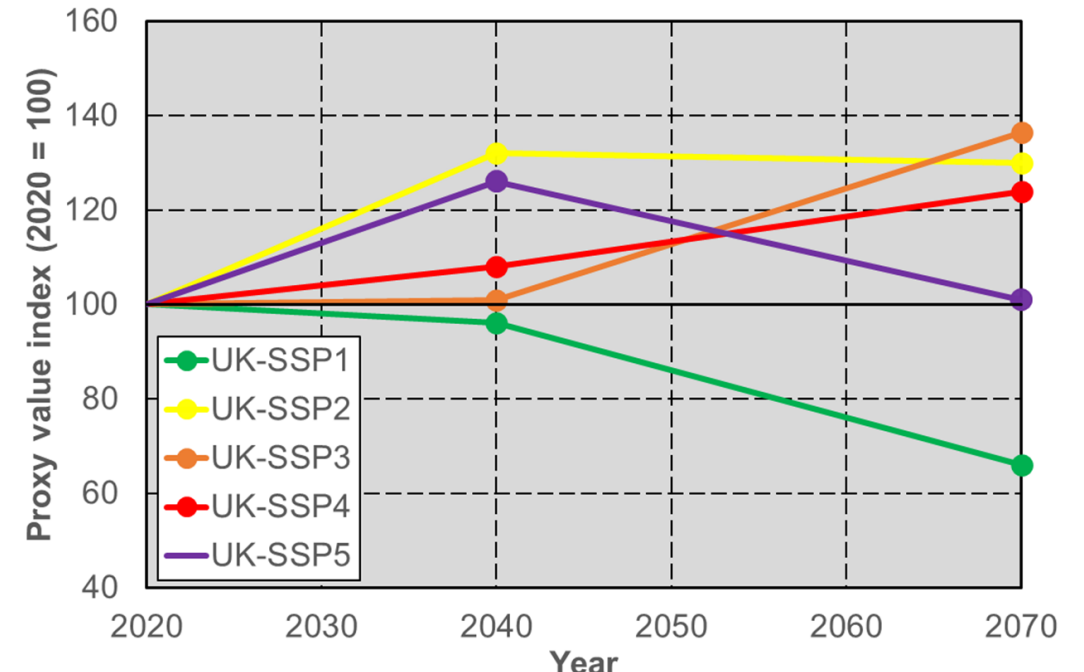
Elements co-developed with UK stakeholders

Used to identify key drivers of outcomes and impacts, challenge policy development

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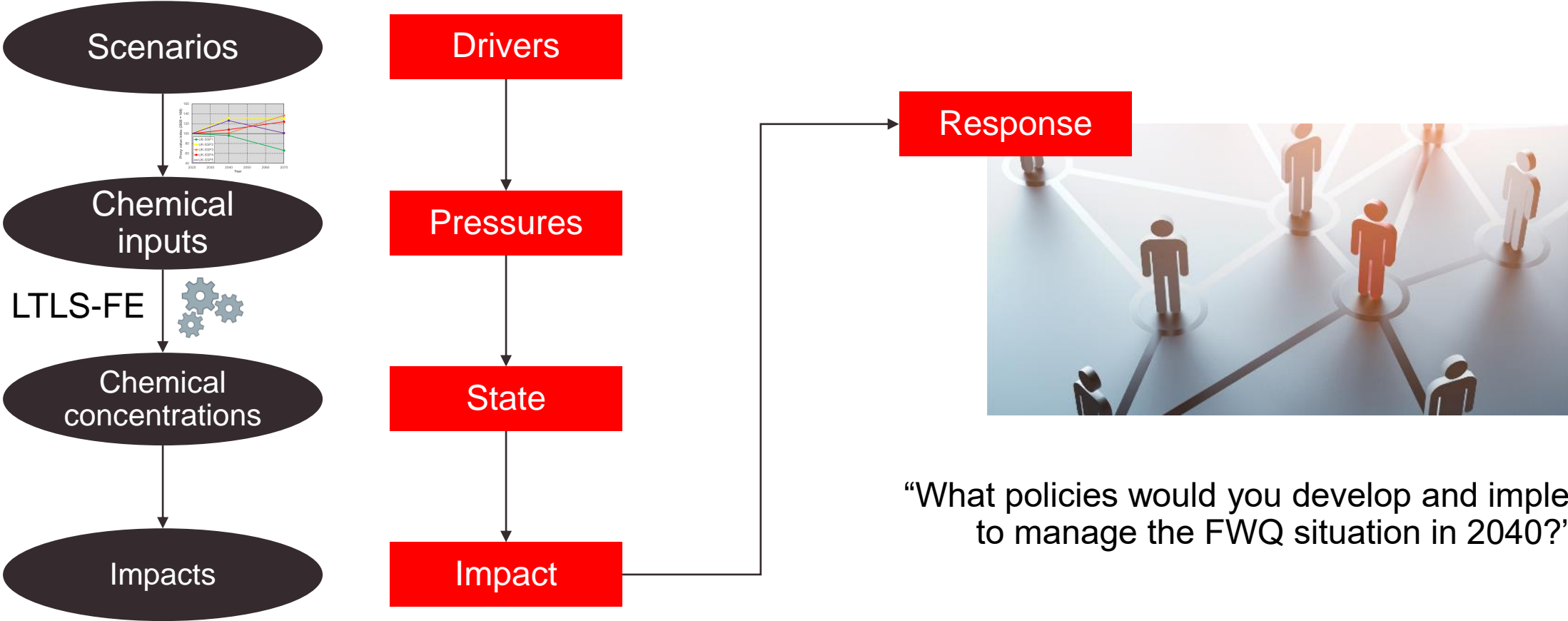


Proxy trends workshop – September 2023




Spatiotemporal chemical input patterns to 2070

# Scenario outcomes → policy challenge



# Modelling outcomes → web portal


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## Boxplots

Boxplots comparing distributions of the impacts of climate change on river flood peaks at the selected location. Each box shows the 25th–75th percentile range, with the 50th percentile (median) shown by the line across the box. The whiskers show the 10th–90th percentile range.

RCP: Representative concentration pathway of greenhouse gases, Horizon: 30-year time-slice centred on given decade, RP: return period.

Group by RCP Fixed for 10 year RP

Grouped boxplot of RCP for 10 year RP

RCP Scenario	Decade	Median (%)	Q1 (%)	Q3 (%)	Min (%)	Max (%)
RCP2.6	2020s	8	4	12	0	16
	2050s	7	3	11	-2	15
	2080s	6	2	10	-4	14
RCP4.5	2020s	10	5	13	0	17
	2050s	9	4	12	-3	16
	2080s	11	3	18	-4	26
RCP6.0	2020s	10	5	13	0	17
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	2080s	13	4	21	-4	29
RCP8.5	2020s	10	5	14	0	18
	2050s	10	4	17	-4	24
	2080s	21	10	33	1	44

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