

Our Ref: DWI 116/08 (CPEO/08/04)

Date: 7 November 2008

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Dear George

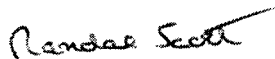
**NOTICE UNDER SECTION 31(3)(A) WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES
(NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006 – DERG WATER SUPPLY AREA**

- 1 I enclose a self-explanatory Notice of Acceptance of undertakings of the steps that Northern Ireland Water Ltd has taken, or is taking for the purposes of securing compliance with its duty to supply wholesome water under Section 107(3)(c) of The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006. The Notice and this letter are being sent electronically to you today and the originals are in the post.
- 2 A copy of the Notice of Acceptance will be sent for information to the Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation, and the Consumer Council.
- 3 I am also arranging for the Publication Notice to be placed in the following papers during the next two weeks: the Belfast Telegraph, the Irish News and the News Letter.

A copy of the associated Publication Notice is enclosed for information.

- 4 Please acknowledge receipt of this letter, by e-mail to DWI@doeni.gov.uk

Yours sincerely



Randal Scott
Chief Inspector of Drinking Water
Drinking Water Inspectorate

Enc: 1. Notice of Acceptance of Undertakings
2. Publication Notice

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NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNDERTAKING FROM
NORTHERN IRELAND WATER LTD

**THE WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND)
ORDER 2006: SECTION 31(3)(A)**

THE DEPARTMENT FOR REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

1. is satisfied that Northern Ireland Water Ltd (NI Water), in supplying water from **Derg Water Treatment Works** to the Derg water supply area, has contravened and is likely to do so again in its duty to supply wholesome water with respect to the **trihalomethane** parameter, under Section 107 (3)(c) of The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

2. has notified NI Water on 10 October 2008 that it is considering making in relation to NI Water a provisional enforcement order under Section 30 of The Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006.

3. notes that NI Water has given an undertaking to take the following steps by the dates shown:

(i) take account of the risks to water quality as identified in the catchment, water treatment works, and distribution risk assessments of the developing drinking water safety plans. **Ongoing.**

(ii) continue to implement the appropriate operation of the polyelectrolyte dosing at the works inlet. **Ongoing.**

(iii) implement remedial measures relating to the distribution system:

a) refurbishment of Tullywhisker Service Reservoir. **Completed.**

b) keep under review service reservoir retention times. **Ongoing.**

(iv) continue to monitor and review:

a) chlorine residuals of the final water. **Ongoing.**

b) chlorine patterns and chlorine demand throughout the distribution system. **Ongoing.**

c) THM levels in Derg final water; the THM forming potential; and THM levels throughout the distribution system. **Ongoing.**

d) total organic carbon monitoring of the raw water. **Ongoing.**

(v) at regular intervals, provide the Inspectorate with reports on progress made with carrying out this programme of improvement works. Reports should be made available at the 'Compliance Programmes

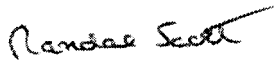
Review' meetings commencing in January 2009, and thereafter, three monthly. Reports to include at least the following detail:

a) current state of progress with the development of drinking water safety plans in (i) above.

b) provision of relevant summary analytical data identified in (iv).

4. is satisfied that NI Water has given, and is complying with, an undertaking to take all steps as appears, for the time being, to the Department for Regional Development to be appropriate to secure or facilitate compliance with the relevant requirements of regulation 17 of The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.

Authorised by the Department for Regional Development to sign on that behalf.



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