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Dear George

NOTICE UNDER SECTION 31(3)(A) WATER AND SEWERAGE SERVICES (NORTHERN IRELAND) ORDER 2006 – BANBRIDGE–BABYLON HILL; BALLYDOUGAN–BALLYHANNON; LURGAN–MAGHERALISKMISK; AND CASTOR BAY–RICHILL WATER SUPPLY ZONES, SUPPLIED BY CASTOR BAY WATER TREATMENT WORKS

- 1 I refer to the Chief Inspector's letter sent to you on 24 September 2007 regarding the Consideration of a Provisional Enforcement Order and the letter sent on 9 November 2007 regarding the Notice of Acceptance of undertakings necessary to comply with regulation 20 of The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.
- 2 Subsequent to this, NI Water has implemented the necessary actions associated with the required undertakings. I refer to NI Water's letter of 26 March 2009 which refers to the completion of associated programmes of work. The regular updates which NI Water has provided on the quality of water in the water supply zones indicate a highly significant improvement in trihalomethane levels since September 2008, following the completion of the new Castor Bay Water Treatment Works.

- 3 On the basis of this information, I am satisfied that NI Water has completed the appropriate action associated with the undertakings given to secure compliance for trihalomethanes.
- 4 Accordingly, I am writing to inform you that this Consideration of a Provisional Enforcement Order will not progress to the making of a Provisional Enforcement Order.
- 5 This letter is being sent electronically to you today and the original is in the post.
- 6 I have today sent copies of this letter electronically to the Chief Environmental Health Officers in the following district councils, whose areas cover at least in part the supply zones affected by the undertaking:

Armagh; Banbridge; Craigavaon; Dungannon and South Tyrone; and Lisburn.
- 7 I am also arranging for a copy of this completion letter to go on the Inspectorate's website.
- 8 Copies of this letter are being sent for information to Mr J Mills, Director of Water Policy, DRD; Mrs J Aston, Director of Water, NIAUR; Mr N Mc Mahon, Chief Environmental Health Officer, Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety; and Mrs K Graham, Head of Water, Consumer Council for Northern Ireland.

Yours sincerely

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