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Date: 9 November 2007

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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 enclose a self explanatory Notice of Acceptance of undertakings of the steps that Northern Ireland Water has taken, or is taking for the purposes of securing compliance with regulation 20 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007. The notice and this letter are being sent electronically to you today and the originals are in the post.
- 2 I have today sent electronically copies of this notice to the Chief Environmental Health Officer, the Chief Environmental Health Officers in the following district councils, and the Consultants in Communicable Disease Control in whose areas cover at least in part the supply zones affected by the undertaking:

Armagh; Banbridge; Craigavon; Dungannon and South Tyrone; and Lisburn.
- 3 A copy of this letter and the Notice of Acceptance will be sent for information to Mrs J Aston, Director of Water Regulation, at Northern Ireland Authority for Utility Regulation and to the Consumer Council.
- 4 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.

Yours sincerely

Randal Scott
Chief Inspector of Drinking Water
Drinking Water Inspectorate

cc: J Mills
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Enc: 1. Notice of Acceptance of undertakings
2. Publication Notice

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE OF AN UNDERTAKING FROM
NORTHERN IRELAND WATER

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, in supplying water from Castor Bay Water Treatment Works to Banbridge-Babylon Hill, Ballydougan-Ballyhannon, Lurgan-Magheraliskmisk and Castor Bay-Richill Water Supply Zones has contravened and is likely to do so again in its duty to supply wholesome water under Section 107 (3)(c) of the Water and Sewerage Services (Northern Ireland) Order 2006 and the requirement of regulation 20 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007 relating to the concentration of the authorised departure value of 150 µg/l granted on 14 December 2006.
2. has notified Northern Ireland Water (NIW) on 24 September 2007 that it is considering making in relation to NIW a provisional enforcement order under Section 30 of the Water and Sewerage Services Northern Ireland 2006.
3. notes that Northern Ireland Water has given an undertaking to take the following steps by the dates shown:
 - (i) deliver the requirements of the authorised departure conditions relating by the scheduled replacement of Castor Bay Water Treatment Works (*expected completion date August 2008*).
 - (ii) implementation of interim remedial measures relating to the operation of the ozonation plant:
 - replacement of ozone dosing pumps and provision for spare pumps. (*Commenced*)
 - optimization of ozone dose rate. (*Commenced*)
 - (iii) prioritization for the following reservoirs in the service reservoir cleaning programme:
 - Camly, Rathfriland, Dirvenagh, Ballydrummond and Lisraw. *Completed*.
 - undertake further scheduled service reservoirs cleaning. (*By end of 2008*)
 - (iv) reduction in residence times to less than 30 hours storage at Magheraliskmisk Service Reservoir. *By 30 November 2008*.
 - (v) undertake a review to assess current remedial work and identify any further appropriate remedial work. (*By 31 October 2008*)
 - (vi) provision of monthly reports on remedial action progress (*monthly*); provision of service reservoir analytical results (*by 31 December 2007*); and provision of three month relevant analytical data summary report (*by 31 January 2008*).
4. is satisfied that Northern Ireland Water has given and is complying with an undertaking to take all steps as appears to the Department for Regional Development for the time being to be appropriate to secure or facilitate compliance with the requirements of regulation 20 of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2007.

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

Randal Scott
Chief Inspector of Drinking Water

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