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To: Board Level and Day to Day Contacts of Water and Sewerage Companies and Water Companies in England and Wales

THE WATER SUPPLY (WATER QUALITY) REGULATIONS 2000 AS AMENDED – PUBLICATION OF AN UNOFFICIAL CONSOLIDATED VERSION OF THE REGULATIONS

Dear Sir or Madam

Background

1. Information letter 8/2007 gave details of the web location of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2734), the “English amendment Regulations” and the Government response to the consultation exercise.

Purpose

2. The purpose of this letter is to inform you that:
- a) an unofficial consolidated version of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 that includes the amendments is now available
 - b) the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2001 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 3374 (W.299)) the “Welsh amendment Regulations” were laid before the National Assembly for Wales on 30 November 2007; and
 - c) the English amendment regulations, the Welsh amendment regulations and the consolidated Regulations are now available on the DWI website.

Website Publication

3. The English amendment Regulations are available at:
http://www.dwi.gov.uk/regs/si2734/uksi_20072734_en.pdf .

The Welsh amendment Regulations are available at:
http://www.dwi.gov.uk/regs/si3374/wsi_20073374_en.pdf .

The consolidated Regulations are available at:
<http://www.dwi.gov.uk/regs/si3184/consolidated2007by2734.pdf>.

Consolidated regulations

4. As part of the consultation process a commitment was made to publish a consolidated version of the Regulations. That commitment is now fulfilled. The consolidated version is based on the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 and takes on board the amendments made by the Water Supply (Water Quality) (Amendment) Regulations 2001 (SI 2001/2885), the National Health Service Reform and Health Care Professions Act 2002 (SI 2002/2469), the Regulations arising following the Water Act 2003 (SI 2005/2035) and the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2000 (Amendment) Regulations 2007 (SI 2734).
5. It should be stressed that the consolidated version is an unofficial document and has no legal status, however it should provide a useful working document for companies. The consolidated version only relates to companies whose area of supply is wholly or mainly in England. It is planned to publish a corresponding document in respect of companies whose area of supply is wholly or mainly in Wales in the near future. Until such a document is available, the Welsh companies can use the document published today since the provisions are substantially the same.
6. Between 22 December 2008 and 1 January 2009 transitional provisions for cryptosporidium in both the English and Welsh amendment Regulations are in force. These provisions could not be included in the consolidated version because they refer to old provisions of the 2000 and 2001 Regulations. In practice this means that companies should continue to conduct regulatory monitoring in accordance with the provisions set out in old regulation 29 of the 2000 regulations for the duration of 2008. However since a breach of the treatment standard ceased to be an offence from 22 December 2007, the chain of custody requirements set out in the SOP will no longer be required.

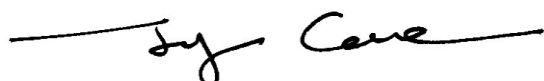
Enquiries

7. Any enquiries regarding this letter should be made to Pete Marsden.

8. Copies of this letter are being sent to Pamela Taylor, Chief Executive, Water UK; Richard Wood, Water Supply and Regulation Division, Department for

Environment, Food and Rural Affairs; Natalie Howes, Climate Change and Water Division, Welsh Assembly Government; Colin McLaren, Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland; Randal Scott, Drinking Water Inspectorate for Northern Ireland; Tony Smith and Chairs of the Regional Consumer Council for Water; Rowena Tye for Office of Water Services; Tony Warn, Environment Agency; Nigel Harrison, Food Standards Agency; and Gary Coleman at the Health Protection Agency.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jeni Colbourne', written over a horizontal line.

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