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Dear Colleague

The Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 – Information Letter 3/2006.

Regulation 26 and Schedule 3 – Pesticides required to be sampled

1. Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to inform local authorities of the recommended approach to deciding on the range of pesticides to be sampled when considering the provisions of Regulation 26 and Schedule 3 in the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

2. Background

Regulation 26 of the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006 provides local authorities with a mechanism to decide which of the range of audit monitoring parameters listed in Schedule 2 of the Regulations are required to be sampled for at an individual private water supply.

Scottish Water undertakes a comprehensive assessment of pesticide usage throughout Scotland which, after consultation with the Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland, they use as the basis for its targeted pesticide sampling programme. It is not intended that Local Authorities duplicate this assessment instead that Local Authorities should liaise with Scottish Water to ascertain the range of pesticide and pesticide-related products Scottish Water have identified as being actually or potentially present in each area. Local Authorities will use this information to inform their own sampling programme for pesticides as set out in Regulation 26 and Schedule 3 of the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006.



Scottish Water has agreed to provide this information to Local Authorities through the offices of Scottish Water's Chief Scientist. His contact details are as follows:

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3. Recommendation

It is recommended that local authorities use data collated by Scottish Water about pesticide usage and pesticide-related products to inform their decisions on audit monitoring under Regulation 26 and Schedule 3 of the Private Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2006.

Yours sincerely

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