



Pesticide Risk Assessment Audit
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Attendees
(by MS Teams)

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Purpose

To comply with the requirements of The Public Water Supplies (Scotland) Regulations 2014, Water Framework Directive Article 7 and DWQR Information Letter 4/2007, Scottish Water has a duty to risk assess on a regular basis the pesticide monitoring and analysis it undertakes to ensure it is representative of those pesticides likely to pose a risk to drinking water.

The purpose of this audit is to evaluate the effectiveness of Scottish Water's pesticide risk assessment process and procedures to ensure it is fit for purpose.

Summary

The audit was conducted by reviewing Scottish Water's Pesticide Risk Assessment Procedures and Feedback into Sampling Programme (version L) and related documentation, and interview with the relevant individuals involved with the risk assessment process. The pesticides asulam and metaldehyde were traced vertically through the documentation. All staff involved in the risk assessment process are appropriately chosen for their knowledge and skillset., A precautionary approach to risk assessment is taken at all times. The team is collaborative and use information from a variety of sources to inform their decisions to enhance the monitoring programme and ensure it is representative.

It is my view that Scottish Water's pesticide risk assessment process to ensure that pesticides are being monitored at appropriate frequencies is successful and fit for purpose.

No recommendations were made.

DWQR thanks all parties for their full participation in the audit.

