

## DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

### WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991: SECTION 19(1)(b)

Consumers in York and the surrounding areas who might be affected by improvement work being carried out by The York Waterworks plc at its Acomb Landing Water Treatment Works will wish to be aware of the following information.

Although the water has at all times been and remains safe to drink, the Company has found through its water quality monitoring programme that water received from these works has on occasion not met the standards for pesticides (as required by the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989). The Secretary of State therefore, notified the Company that he will, if necessary, order it to take appropriate steps to ensure that the water supplied will, in future, meet the required standard.

The Company gave a legally binding undertaking (on 14th January 1992) to carry out appropriate remedial work at this works to be completed by 31st December 1996. However, due to circumstances beyond the Company's control they have been unable to complete the work by the due date, and have submitted a further undertaking with a completion date of 28th February 1997.

The Secretary of State is satisfied that the Company is complying with this agreement and has informed them that he is satisfied by serving on them the notice printed below.

### WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991: SECTION 19(1)(b)

The Secretary of State for the Environment:

1. is satisfied that the York Waterworks plc ("The Company") when supplying water from its Acomb Landing Water Treatment Works has contravened and is likely to do so again its duty to supply wholesome water under section 68(1)(a) of the Water Industry Act 1991, and the requirement of Regulation 3(3)(c) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, that water supplied should not contain pesticides at a greater concentration than 0.1µg/l;
2. notes that The York Waterworks Plc has, on 15th January 1997, given a new undertaking under the provisions of paragraph 2(b) of that undertaking given on 14th January 1992 (Ref No. YK 005) to replace that undertaking and take the following steps by the dates shown:
  - (a) maximise the proportion of water to be treated by granular activated charcoal within the five already converted slow sand filters. To be completed by 15th January 1997;
  - (b) complete the conversion of two further slow sand filters (Filters No. 5 and Filter No. 10) to granular activated carbon filtration. To be completed by 28th February 1997;
  - (c) if pesticide concentration approaches or exceeds the advisory value specified on pages 99-105 of *Guidance on Safeguarding the Quality of Public Water Supplies* or notified by DWI:
    - (i) notify DWI. To be completed as soon as analytical results become available, and as far as is reasonably practicable, not more than 28 days after the sample being taken;
    - (ii) notify the Environment Agency. To be completed as soon as analytical results become available, and as far as is reasonably practicable, not more than 28 days after the sample being taken.
    - (iii) carry out resampling and, if investigations show that pollution is of a long standing nature, consider the temporary provision of an alternative supply of potable water. To be completed as necessary.
3. is satisfied that The York Waterworks plc has given and is complying with an undertaking to take all such steps as appear to the Secretary of State for the time being to be appropriate to secure or facilitate compliance with the requirement of Regulation 3(3)(c) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989.

Details of the work being carried out are on the Company's public record which you may inspect at any of its offices open to the public, during normal working hours.

You can find out about the work, and whether your water supply is affected, by telephoning the Water Company on 01904 622171, or writing to them at Landal Tower, York YO1 2DL, and quoting Department of the Environment reference number UK 006.

A copy of the undertaking can also be seen at the offices of the Director General of Water Services, City Centre Tower, 7 Hill Street, Birmingham B5 4UA.

Issued by the Drinking Water Inspectorate, Department of the Environment, Marsham Street, London SW1W 3PY. (Ref. E1480/01/DWI.)

M. Rouse, Chief Inspector, Drinking Water Inspectorate,  
Authorised by the Secretary of State to sign in that behalf.  
13th January 1997. (2 SI)

### WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991: SECTION 19(1)(b)

Consumers in the Brighton and Worthing areas who might be affected by improvement work being carried out by Southern Water Services Limited at its Sompting Water Treatment Works will wish to be aware of the following information.

Although the water has at all times been, and remains safe to drink, the Company has found through its water quality monitoring programme that water received from these works has on occasion not met the standard for pesticides (as required by the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989). The Secretary of State therefore, notified the Company that he will, if necessary, order it to take appropriate steps to ensure that the water supplied will in future meet the required standard.

The Company gave a legally binding undertaking (on 6th April 1995) to carry out appropriate remedial work at this works to be completed by 31st December 1996. However, due to circumstances beyond the Company's control they have been unable to complete the work by the due date, and have submitted a further undertaking with a completion date of 1st April 1997. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the Company is complying with this agreement and has informed them that he is satisfied by serving on them the notice printed below.

### WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991: SECTION 19(1)(b)

The Secretary of State for the Environment

1. is satisfied that Southern Water Services Limited "the Company" when supplying water from its Sompting Water Treatment Works has contravened and is likely to do so again its duty to supply wholesome water under section 68(1)(a) of the Water Industry Act 1991, and the requirement of Regulation 3(3)(c) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, that water supplied should not contain pesticides at a greater concentration than 0.1µg/l.
2. notes that Southern Water Services Limited has on 8th November 1996 given a new undertaking under the provisions of paragraph 2(b) of that undertaking given on 6th April (Ref. No. SO 061) to replace that undertaking and take the following steps by the dates shown:
  - (a) Information to National Rivers Authority.
    - (i) Provide the NRA as the pollution control authority with full information about all samples of treated water, taken in accordance with the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, and untreated water relevant to the zones supplied by Sompting Treatment Works, taken and analysed for pesticides so that pollution control measures can be considered. This information to include details of location and timing of the sample, the pesticides investigated and the analytical results and the source of the water and the date of abstraction. To continue for the duration of the undertaking. The information to be provided quarterly, within 28 days of the end of the quarter, or in the case of a marked increase in concentration of a pesticide not previously present, so far as is reasonably practicable, within 28 days of the sample being taken.
  - (b) Installation of treatment plant.
    - (i) Construction and commissioning. To be completed by 1st April 1997.
  - (c) If pesticide concentration approaches or exceeds the advisory value specified on pages 99-105 of 'Guidance on Safeguarding the Quality of Public Water Supplies' or notified by DWI.
    - (i) Provide DWI with information specified in (a)(i). To be completed as soon as analytical results become available, and as far as is reasonably practicable, not more than 28 days after the sample being taken.
    - (ii) Notify NRA as in (a)(i). To be completed as soon as analytical results become available, and as far as is reasonably practicable, not more than 28 days after the sample being taken.
    - (iii) Provide blending to maintain compliance with the pesticide standard in the water supply zones listed in the Annex to the schedule. To continue for the duration of the undertaking.
4. is satisfied that Southern Water Services Limited has given and is complying with an undertaking to take all such steps as appear to the Secretary of State for the time being to be appropriate to secure or facilitate compliance with the requirement of Regulation 3(3)(c) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989.