

recolonisation of drill cuttings piles; quality of description of the seabed environment; the risk of significant environmental effects from oil spills and well test flaring.

Having taken the advice of the organisations listed earlier, the Secretary of State considers that:

any cuttings resulting from the project and likely to reach *Lophelia pertusa* accumulations would be so dispersed as to have no significant smothering effect on the coral. *Lophelia pertusa* is found in areas of relatively high current speeds and is essentially "self cleaning". The routine occurrence of "submarine storms" results in the exposure of the coral to large amounts of inorganic material in its natural state. It is therefore highly unlikely that the minimal additional amounts of input which might result from the project over a relatively short time period (2-3 months) would have a significant effect. In addition, all of the chemicals to be used in the project will have been tested for toxicity to OSPAR agreed standards; there is a large quantity of published material which documents the rate of recovery of seabed communities in similar depths in the North Sea from water based mud and cuttings piles. In addition the current regime in this area will disperse cuttings to a greater extent than in the North Sea, thus speeding up recolonisation.

The seabed sampling regime adopted by BP Amoco took account of the effects of currents at the site and provided an appropriate description of the local environment; there is a only a very small risk of significant oil spill from the drilling of an exploration well. BP Amoco will be required to have an effective oil spill response plan in place prior to drilling commencing. Well test flaring using modern equipment can be over 99% efficient resulting in very little "drop-out" of hydrocarbon to the sea. BP Amoco have decided, in any case, not to test this well.

The Secretary of State also considers that, although the Government does not accept that the Habitats Directive (92/43/EEC) extends to the UK Continental Shelf, safeguards to marine habitats and species applied in licensing this well are such as to ensure a degree of protection to the marine environment commensurate with the requirements of that Directive. The Secretary of State is of the view that his consideration of this project would not be materially altered by the requirements of the Habitats Directive if it were to apply, given that in his view the effect of the project on the environment will be both de minimis and transient.

Any person who wishes to make representations about the application should do so in writing to the Environment Agency, Cobham Road, Ipswich IP3 9JE, before the end of the said period.

G. A. Hall, (Prime Irrigation Ltd) on behalf of G. C. & F. C. Knight Ltd.  
6th August 1999. (505)

## Environment Agency

### WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991, SCHEDULE 10 AS AMENDED BY THE ENVIRONMENT ACT 1995

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT FOR THE PURPOSES OF SECTION 88

Notice is hereby given, in accordance with Schedule 10 of the above Act, than at application has been made to the Environment Agency by Severn Trent Water Limited, for consent to discharge up to 360 cubic metres per day of trade effluent consisting of waste water and treated water from an electro dialysis reversal pilot plant, to the Snakescroft Brook at National Grid Reference SO 3301 8790 from Oakeley Farm, Borehole, Bishops Castle, Shropshire.

The pilot plant is being tested to assess the efficiency of removing nitrate through electro dialysis reversal (EDR). The plant will only operate when the public supply borehole is pumping, which may be up to 16 hours per day. The rate of discharge will not exceed 15 cubic metres per hour. The consent to discharge is for a time limited period from November 1999 to September 2002. The testing will be for a period of 6 consecutive months during this time scale.

Any person who wishes to make representations about the application should do so in writing, to the Area Consents Officer at the Agency's offices at Hafren House, Welshpool Road, Shelton, Shrewsbury SY3 8BB, during the period 6th August 1999 to 17th September 1999, quoting reference WA/US/90838.

A copy of the application may be inspected, free of charge, during normal office hours at the Agency's offices at the above address and at Olton Court, 10 Warwick Road, Olton, Solihull, West Midlands B92 7HX.

J. A. Clarke, On behalf of the Environment Agency  
6th August 1999. (481)

## Environment Agency

### WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR LICENCES TO OBSTRUCT OR IMPEDE THE FLOW OF AN INLAND WATER BY MEANS OF IMPOUNDING WORKS AND TO ABSTRACT WATER

Take notice that Michael John Christopher Stone and Louisa Stone of Ozleworth Park, Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire GL12 7QA, are applying to the Environment Agency for a licence to obstruct or impede the flow of a tributary of the Ozleworth Brook, by means of the construction of an impoundment at National Grid Reference ST 7992 2600 at Ozleworth Park, Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire GL12 7QA. The purpose of the impoundment is to create an amenity lake. (The capacity of the reservoir at overflow level will be 10,000 cubic metres).

A copy of the application and any map, plans and other documents submitted with it may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours at The Estate Office, Ozleworth Park, Wotton under Edge, Gloucestershire GL12 7QA, between 6th August 1999 and 3rd September 1999. Any person who wishes to make representations about the application should do so in writing, to the Environment Agency, Rivers House, East Quay, Bridgewater, Somerset TA6 4YS, before the end of the said period.

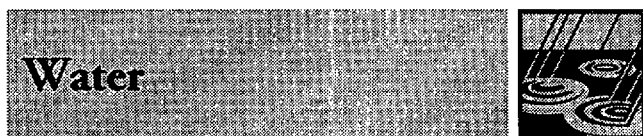
Monkhouse and Partners, (as authorised agents for and on behalf of the applicants).  
6th August 1999. (482)

## Environment Agency—Thames Region

### WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO VARY A LICENCE TO ABSTRACT WATER

Take notice that The Crystal Spring Water Company Ltd. of St. Georges House, Langford Lane, Kidlington, Oxford OX5 1HT, is applying to the Environment Agency to vary licence serial number 28/39/12/19 which authorises the abstraction of water from The Lower Oolites at Silk Hill, Swan Lane, Long Hanborough, Oxon OX8 8BT, at



## Water Resources

### Environment Agency

#### WATER RESOURCES ACT 1991

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A LICENCE TO ABSTRACT WATER AND TO VARY A LICENCE TO ABSTRACT WATER

Take notice that G. C. & F. C. Knight Ltd, of Stody Estate Office, Melton Constable, Norfolk, is applying to the Environment Agency for the following:

A new proposal to abstract water from the River Glaven, Hunworth, Norfolk, at National Grid Reference TG 0614 3635 at the following rates, 202 cubic metres per hour, 4,838 cubic metres per day, 370,000 cubic metres between November in one year and March of the following year, for filling a reservoir for subsequent irrigation.

To vary licence number 8/34/4/S/035 with no increase to current abstraction of 841 cubic metres per day, 53,800 cubic metres of water between April and September each year, from the River Glaven for irrigation purposes. The proposal is to authorise the filling of a reservoir for subsequent irrigation, to remove the area of licensed land and to include a further abstraction point from the River Glaven at TG 069 354.

To vary licence numbers 7/34/4/G/58 and 7/34/4/45 to increase the area of land to be irrigated and to enable water to be pumped into a reservoir for subsequent irrigation.

Copies of the applications, maps and other documents submitted may be inspected, free of charge, at all reasonable hours at Stody Estate Office, Melton Constable, Norfolk, between 6th August and 6th September 1999.