



guardians of drinking water quality

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PERIODIC REVIEW 2019: Northumbrian Water  
Layer Water Treatment Works  
DWI Scheme reference: **ESK-2019-00003**

22 August 2019

Dear Mr Jones,

### **PR19 SCHEME NOTIFICATION LETTER: REGULATION 28(4) OF THE WATER SUPPLY (WATER QUALITY) REGULATIONS 2016 as amended**

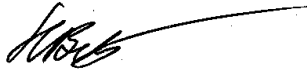
- 1 The purpose of this letter is to inform you of the action which I am minded to take under regulation 28(4) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 as amended further to receipt of a report as part of the Periodic review planning process (PR19) from the Company under regulation 28(1) stating that there is a significant risk of supplying water that could be unwholesome.
- 2 The company submitted a report to the Inspectorate on the 11 March 2019 as part of the periodic review process. The company highlighted risks associated with the risk of algal and turbidity loading in raw water that has been identified as a potential risk to wholesomeness from the water supplied from Layer Water Treatment Works. The Inspectorate subsequently supported the proposed scheme and confirmed this in writing on the 10 July 2019

#### **Enforcement Procedure**

- 3 The Secretary of State will serve a notice under regulation 28(4) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 (as amended) specifying requirements that the Company must satisfy. Failure by the Company to comply with such notice may result in enforcement proceedings under section 18 of the Water Industry Act 1991.
- 4 I should be grateful to receive, by e-mail, a completed proforma (a copy of which is attached) not later than one month from date of this letter. Companies should send proformas back to the Inspectorate as they are completed.

- 5 In the company return of the draft instrument I would be grateful if the company please ensures that all caveats as detailed in your decision letter provided by the Inspectorate are adequately addressed. Failure to include measures within the draft documents may result in delays to the final instrument being served.
- 6 Please ensure that the information requested above is sent to [DWI\\_Improvement\\_Programmes@defra.gov.uk](mailto:DWI_Improvement_Programmes@defra.gov.uk) and copied to your Company Liaison Inspector Sarah Frame.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Benton', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Simon Benton  
**Principal Inspector, Enforcement**