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WATER, ENGLAND AND WALES

**The Water Authorities (Accounts and Audit) (Notice) Regulations
1984**

<i>Made - - - -</i>	19th July 1984
<i>Laid before Parliament</i>	1st August 1984
<i>Coming into Operation</i>	23rd August 1984

The Secretary of State and the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, in exercise of their powers under paragraph 39F of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973 (a) and of all other powers enabling them in that behalf, hereby make the following regulations:—

Citation and commencement

1. These regulations may be cited as the Water Authorities (Accounts and Audit) (Notice) Regulations 1984 and shall come into operation on 23rd August 1984.

Public inspection of accounts

2. The accounts and other documents of a water authority which a local government elector for any area to which the accounts to be audited relate is entitled to inspect by virtue of paragraph 39C of Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973 (hereinafter referred to as “Schedule 3”) shall be deposited by the authority for inspection for at least ten working days immediately preceding the date appointed by the auditor as the date on or after which a local government elector may exercise his rights under the said paragraph 39C to question the auditor about those accounts or to draw his attention to matters on which the auditor may report.

Notice

3.—(1) A water authority shall give at least fourteen days’ notice by advertisement of the commencement of the ten day period mentioned in Regulation 2 stating the place at which, and the hours during which, the relevant accounts and other documents will be available for inspection, and also the name and address of the auditor, the rights conferred by the said paragraph 39C and the said date appointed by the auditor.

(2) In this and the next following regulation, “notice by advertisement”, means a notice published in one or more local newspapers circulating in the area of the relevant water authority.

(a) 1973 c.37. Paragraph 39F was included by section 32 of, and Schedule 4 to, the Local Government Finance Act 1982 (c.32) which substituted new paragraphs 38 and 39 in Schedule 3 to the Water Act 1973. Paragraph 39F was amended by the Water Act 1983 (c.23).

Advertisement of rights to inspect accounts and reports

4. As soon as possible after the conclusion of an audit a water authority shall give notice by advertisement that the audit is completed and that the audited statement of accounts and any auditor's report are available for inspection; and any such notice shall contain—

- (1) a statement of the rights to inspect, make copies and be furnished with copies conferred by paragraph 39E of Schedule 3;
- (2) a statement of the address at which and the hours during which the statement of accounts and any such report are available for inspection and copying.

Patrick Jenkin,
Secretary of State for
the Environment.

20th June 1984.

Nicholas Edwards,
Secretary of State for Wales.

6th July 1984.

In witness whereof the Official Seal of the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is hereunto affixed on 19th July 1984.



Michael Jopling,
Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries
and Food.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the regulations.)

These regulations relate to the deposit of the accounts and other documents of water authorities for public inspection, the publication of information with respect to those accounts and the rights of local government electors to inspect and make copies of the accounts and other relevant documents, and to make representations thereon. The accounts and other documents must be made available for at least ten days.

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