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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2016 No. 614**

**The Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016**

**PART 6**

**Drinking water protected areas**

**Drinking water abstraction points: monitoring sites**

17.—(1) Every water undertaker or combined licensee must identify every point from which it abstracts water for supply for regulation 4(1) purposes.

(2) At every abstraction point, the relevant water undertaker or combined licensee must take or cause to be taken such samples, and analyse or cause to be analysed those samples for such properties, organisms and substances as it considers necessary in order to comply with regulations 26 to 28.

(3) In relation to any abstraction point, the Secretary of State may, by notice served on the relevant water undertaker or combined licensee, require the relevant water undertaker or combined licensee—

- (a) to take or cause to be taken such numbers of samples of water per year as may be specified, and
- (b) to analyse or cause to be analysed those samples for such concentrations or values of such properties, organisms and substances as may be specified and at such frequencies as may be specified.

(4) The Secretary of State may, by notice served on the relevant undertaker or combined licensee, revoke or vary a notice served under paragraph (3).

(5) Every analysis required under—

- (a) paragraph (2), in relation to every body of surface water which provides more than 100 cubic metres of water per day as an average, must be carried out at no less than the following frequencies—
  - (i) 4 per year, where the population so served by the body of surface water is less than 10,000 people;
  - (ii) 8 per year, where the population so served is from 10,000 to 30,000 people;
  - (iii) 12 per year, where the population so served is greater than 30,000 people;
- (b) paragraphs (2) and (3) must be in accordance with such relevant standards as may be specified by the Secretary of State by notice served on the water undertaker or combined licensee.

(6) For the purposes of—

- (a) paragraphs (2) and (3) and this paragraph—

“abstraction point” means an abstraction point identified under paragraph (1);

“relevant water undertaker or combined licensee” means the water undertaker or combined licensee which identifies the abstraction point;

- (b) paragraph (3), “specified” means specified in the notice served under that paragraph;

(c) paragraph (5), “body of surface water” has the meaning given in Directive [2000/60/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy<sup>(1)</sup>.

(7) A notice given under regulation 16A(3) of the 2000 Regulations which had effect immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations is taken to be a notice given under paragraph (3) of this regulation.

(8) A notice given under regulation 16A(5)(b) of the 2000 Regulations which had effect immediately before the coming into force of these Regulations is taken to be a notice given under paragraph (5)(b) of this regulation.

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(1) O.J. No L 327, 22.12.2000, p 1, as last amended by Commission Directive 2014/101/EU (OJ No L 311, 31.10.2014, p 32).