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Mr Phil Newland
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Dear Mr Newland

**PERIODIC REVIEW 2019: South Staffordshire Water
DWI Scheme reference: SST– Slade Heath –additional treatment stage.**

FINAL DECISION LETTER

The Inspectorate has completed its detailed assessment of the scheme proposed by South Staffordshire Water to provide an additional treatment stage at the following treatment works: Slade Heath WTW operated by South Staffordshire Water, to secure or facilitate compliance with the standard for pesticides in drinking water and ensure that the water being supplied may be considered wholesome.

The detailed assessment also took in to consideration the outcome of the risk assessment report submitted to the Inspectorate as required by regulation 28(1) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 for Slade Heath and the connected supply system.

A summary of the outcome of our assessment of this scheme will follow in due course. Based on the information submitted by the Company, the Inspectorate supports the need for a scheme to ensure compliance with the pesticide standard and ensure that the water is wholesome. The supported scheme shall be included by the Company in its Final Business Plan, subject to the caveats which will be detailed upon our return of the full assessment outcomes.

In this instance the Inspectorate intends to issue a Notice under Regulation 28(4) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016, which requires the Company to mitigate the risks that have been identified as a potential danger to human health from the water supplied from Slade Heath and may render the water unwholesome.

It is expected that the Company will continue to monitor for the identified risks and that it will take all reasonable steps to prevent contraventions of the standard. It is also expected the company will take all reasonable steps to mitigate risks in the connected supply system to ensure compliance with the standard for Wholesomeness within the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016.

I am copying this letter to:

- Alison Cullen and Kevin Ridout at Ofwat;
- Elinor Smith and John Collins at the Environment Agency;
- Bernard Crump (CCW Chair, Central and Eastern)
- Simon Sperryn (Chair of Independent Customer Panel)

Please contact Sue Pennison (Sue.Pennison@defra.gsi.gov.uk) with any queries relating to this letter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Milo Purcell".

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Deputy Chief Inspector