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The A487 Trunk Road (Llanwnda, Gwynedd) (40 m.p.h. Speed Limit) Order 1995

Notice is hereby given that on 31st July 1995, the Secretary of State made the above Order which will come into operation on 7th August 1995.

The effect is as stated in notice 524 in *The London Gazette*, No. 54081, dated 22nd June 1995.

A copy of the Order and map may be inspected during normal office hours at the offices of Gwynedd County Council, Highways and Transportation Department, Trefelin Yard, Llandygai, Bangor for a period of 6 weeks from 4th August 1995. (481)

DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

SOUTH STAFFORDSHIRE WATER PLC

The purpose of this notice is to inform consumers in parts of Rugeley, Cannock and the surroundings areas who might be affected by improvement work being carried out by South Staffordshire Water PLC at its Moors Gorse and Slitting Mill groundwater sources. The Company has found through its water quality monitoring programme that water supplied from these sources has on occasion not met the standard, as required by the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, for the individual pesticide atrazine, although the water has at all times been, and remains, safe to drink. Consequently the Secretary of State for the Environment has notified the Company that he will carry out his duty under section 19 of the Water Industry Act 1991 and, if necessary, order the Company to take appropriate steps to ensure that the water supplied will in future meet the required standard for individual pesticides.

The Company has given a legally binding agreement (called an undertaking) to carry out appropriate remedial work at Moore Gorse and Slitting Mill groundwater sources to be completed by 31st March 1998. The Secretary of State is satisfied that the Company is complying with this agreement and has informed the Company that he is satisfied by serving on them the notice printed below.

WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTION 19

The Secretary of State for the Environment:

1. is satisfied that South Staffordshire Water PLC "the Company" in supplying water to zones supplied by Moors Gorse and Slitting Mill groundwater sources has contravened and is likely to do so again its duty to supply wholesome water under section 68(1)(a) of the Water Industry Act 1991, and the requirement of regulation 3(3)(c) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989 that water supplied should not contain individual pesticides at a greater concentration than 0.1 µg/l.

2. has notified the Company on 1st May 1995 that he is considering making in relation to the Company an enforcement Order under section 18 of the Water Industry Act 1991.

3. notes that the Company has on 28th June 1995, given an undertaking under section 19(1)(b) of the Water Industry Act 1991, to take the following steps by the dates shown:

(a) Information to National Rivers Authority:

(i) For the duration of the undertaking: Provide NRA as the pollution control authority with full information about all samples of treated water, taken in accordance with the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, and untreated water, where available, relevant to the zones supplied by Moor Gorse and Slitting Mill groundwater sources taken and analysed for pesticides so that pollution control measures can be considered. This information to include details of location and timing of sample, the pesticides investigated and, where appropriate the date of abstraction. To be provided quarterly within 28 days of the end of the quarter, or in the case of a marked increase in the concentration or the identification of a pesticide not previously present, so far as is reasonably practical, within 28 days of the sample being taken.

(b) Preliminary investigations:

(i) Selection of process and outline design of plant. To be completed by 31st October 1995.

(ii) Planning permission and land acquisition (if needed).

(iii) Detailed design of plant. To be completed by 31st October 1996.

(c) Installation of treatment plant at Moors Gorse:

(i) Install appropriate plant and commission blending arrangements with Slitting Mill source. To be completed by 31st December 1997.

(ii) Final completion tests and commissioning of installation. To be completed by 31st March 1998.

(d) If pesticide concentration approaches or exceeds advisory value specified on pages 99-105 of "Guidances on Safeguarding