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## State Intelligence

### DEPUTY LIEUTENANT COMMISSIONS

#### LIEUTENANCY OF OXFORDSHIRE

Notice is hereby given that the following Commissions signed by Her Majesty's Lord Lieutenant for Oxfordshire:

Robin Arthur Birch Esquire CB.  
Mrs Stephanie Mary North JP.  
Lady Saye and Sele.

to be Deputy Lieutenants.

31st May 1996.

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### DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

#### WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTION 19(1)(b)

Consumers supplied by, and who might be affected by improvement work being carried out by Bristol Water plc will wish to be aware of the following information.

Although the water has at all times been, and remains, safe to drink the Company has found through its water quality monitoring programme that water received by consumers in these areas has on occasion not met the standards, for certain parameters (normally those associated with occasional occurrences of discoloured water), as required by the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989, because of deficiencies in the distribution system.

The Company gave a legally binding undertaking on 12th January 1990 to carry out appropriate remedial work, as the first stage of a long term programme, to refurbish affected parts of the distribution system.

The Secretary of State for the Environment reviewed this undertaking and concluded that whilst the Company had taken action to discharge its duties in respect of the undertaking, the steps in the undertaking no longer remained the most appropriate for the Company to take to achieve compliance with the standards for the particular parameters.

Consequently the Secretary of State required the Company to give a new undertaking containing appropriate steps to carry out remedial work as the next stage in the programme of improvement.

The Company has given a new undertaking on 23rd February 1996 and the Secretary of State has informed the Company that he is satisfied the Company is complying with this new undertaking by serving on them the notice below:

#### WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991, SECTION 19(1)(b)

The Secretary of State for the Environment:

1. Is satisfied that Bristol Water plc "the Company" in supplying water in 32 supply zones 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 "the Act" and the requirement of regulation 3(3)(c) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989 that the water supplied should not contain concentrations or values of the parameters in Tables A to C of those Regulations in excess of the prescribed concentrations or values.
2. Has notified the Company on 5th April 1993 that he is considering making in relation to the Company an enforcement order under section 18 of the Act.
3. Notes that the Company has on 23rd February 1996 given a new undertaking under section 19(1)(b) of the Act to take the following steps specified in the Schedule of Works by the dates shown:

(a) Submit to the Secretary of State the Company's strategy for improving the condition of its distribution system. To be completed by 31st December 1995.

(b) Carry out investigations in the zones identified in the Annex to the Schedule to

(i) identify the extent and nature of contraventions. To be completed by 31st March 1998.

(ii) identify appropriate remedial measures. To be completed by 31st March 1998.

(iii) prioritise and programme the execution of remedial measures. To be completed by 31st March 1998.

(c) Submit to the Secretary of State a statement of the current situation and remedial action taken and required in the zones identified in the Annex to this Schedule. To be completed Annually by 28th February.

(d) Submit to the Secretary of State the Company's programme for the execution of remedial measures. To be completed Annually by 28th February.

(e) Renovate (i.e. replace or reline) a total of 285.5 kilometres of the distribution system. This renovation is to be carried out according to the priorities identified by the Company's strategy, zone action statements and programme referred to in (a), (c)