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DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT 1990

Formal Hearing at The Aire Room, Environment Agency, Rivers House, 21 Park Square South, Leeds, on Tuesday, 8th July 1997, at 10 a.m.

Reason for formal hearing

Appeal by Gath Drus (Shipley) Limited relating to the Notice of Variation of an Authorisation by the Environment Agency for a Drum Cleaning Process at Hird Street, Shipley, West Yorkshire. An Inspector appointed by the Secretary of State for the Environment will attend at the place, date and time shown above to consider the appeal. Members of the public may attend the Hearing and, at the discretion of the Inspector, express their views.

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate: T. Hope, Room 13-14, Tollgate House, Houlton Street, Bristol. (Tel. 0117-987 8235.)

J. Greenfield, Deputy Chief Planning Inspector. (Ref. APP/EPA/97/67.) (1 SI)

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

Consumers in the Harrogate area who might be affected by improvement work being carried out by Yorkshire Water Services Limited at its Harrogate South (New) Water Supply Zone will wish to be aware of the following information.

The Company has found through its water quality monitoring programme that water supplied by this zone fails on occasion to meet the standard for hydrogen ion concentration (as required by the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 1989). These failures do not make the water unsafe to drink at any time. The Secretary of State for the Environment has notified the Company that he will, if necessary, order the Company to take appropriate steps to ensure that the water supplied will in future meet the required standard.

The Company gave the Secretary of State a legally binding undertaking to carry out investigative work (to be completed by 30th November 1996); and having done so, to provide a further undertaking in the light of these investigations. The Company has fulfilled this obligation and submitted a further undertaking scheduled for completion by 30th November 1998.

The Secretary of State has informed the Company that he is satisfied it is complying with this undertaking, by serving on them the following notice:

WATER INDUSTRY ACT: SECTION 19(1)(b)

The Secretary of State for the Environment:

- is satisfied that Yorkshire Water Services Limited "the Company" in supplying water from Harrogate South (New) Water Supply Zone is contravening 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 exceed the prescribed hydrogen ion concentration of pH 9.5, nor fall below the prescribed concentration of pH 5.5.
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- notes that Yorkshire Water Services Limited has on 12th May 1997, given an undertaking in fulfilment of that undertaking given on 4th June 1996 (Ref. No. YO 115) to take the following steps by
 - (a) Modify the pH control system at Harlow Hill Treatment Works to adjust the pH upstream of the rapid gravity filters to 7, and the final pH to 8; thereby improving pH control. To be completed by 31st July 1997.
 - (b) Carry out sampling surveys from the treatment works to the ends of representative cement-mortar lined mains. To be completed by 30th September 1997.