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Circular Letter: WSP3/05

To each Sanitary Authority

DRINKING WATER NATIONAL MONITORING PROGRAMME

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I am to refer to circular letter WSP11/04 dated 17 December 2004. This circular advised local authorities of progress achieved on the Drinking Water National Monitoring Programme and included certain guidance and information for authorities in their implementation of the European Communities (Drinking Water) Regulations, 2000 (S.I. 439 of 2000). I now enclose the following additional material:

1. Unregulated Drinking Water Supplies

Supplies of drinking water of up to 10 cubic meters per day or serving 50 persons that are not part of a public or commercial activity are exempted from the drinking water Regulations. These Regulations require sanitary authorities to notify users of exempted supplies that they are unregulated and for the provision of advice/information to such users. In order to discharge this requirement a model leaflet/handout is enclosed (hardcopy and CD-Rom version). Sanitary Authorities should use this document as the basis for a leaflet which also reflect local circumstances and conditions. Arrangements should now be made to forward a leaflet (as amended) to each owner of a private, unregulated water supply in your administrative area.

2. Sampling Manual

The sampling procedure is a critical step in the implementation of the drinking water Regulations. A “Sampling Training Manual” has been developed to streamline and assist practices in this area. This manual complements the training module material which was previously circulated will assist operatives involved in the sampling and analyses of drinking water supplies. You are asked to circulate a copy of the enclosed manual to all relevant personnel. An electronic version of the manual is enclosed for this purpose.

(Note. CD-ROM issued to Directors of Services only.)

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To - Each County and City Manager and Director of Services (Water Services)

