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Mr Layte
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Our Ref: WRA 30457

3 September 2015

Dear Mr Layte

**LIKELY CONTAMINATION OF WATER SUPPLIED FOR DOMESTIC PURPOSES TO PREMISES AT GOONHILL END COTTAGE, GOONGUMPAS, ST DAY, REDRUTH, CORNWALL TR15 5JL
SECTION 75 OF THE WATER INDUSTRY ACT 1991**

I understand that despite relevant advice being given by the South West Water ("SWW") representative inspecting the rain water harvesting installation, the issuing of a report and notice of requirement to rectify the breaches of The Water Supply (Water Fittings) Regulations 1999 ("the Regulations"), your wholesome water supply infrastructure remains in breach of current legislation with regard to backflow protection.

As you will appreciate, the dangers of contamination of your water supply and the backflow of Category 5 fluids into SWW's infrastructure are very significant; the consequences of such an event have the potential of being very serious to public health. SWW cannot permit these contamination risks to continue. I, therefore, give you notice, under Section 75(2)(b) and (6) of the above Act, that you, as occupier, are required to take the following steps to protect against the likely risk of contamination before Thursday 17 September 2015, by securing the following:

1. The provision of a Fluid Category 5 air gap between the mains wholesome water back up supply and the stored rain water in your rain water harvesting system, according to Schedule 2, Paragraphs 15(1), 15(3) and 15(5) of the Regulations and in compliance with the Regulators' specification for backflow prevention arrangements and devices as defined in Schedule 2, S15.1 and S15.2, or
2. The permanent disconnection and removal of all associated pipe work providing the mains wholesome water back up supply to your rain water harvesting system.

Pursuant to Section 75(6)(b), I am required to point out to you that, should the case become an emergency, or the premises appear to be unoccupied and one of the above mentioned



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steps is not taken before the date specified, SWW may disconnect the service pipe or otherwise cut off the supply to the premises. In this case, a notice setting out the steps that must be taken before your water is reconnected will be served on you. Further, in the event that you fail to take the above steps within the period given, Section 75(9) of the Act empowers SWW to take the necessary steps itself to remove the likely risk of contamination and to recover from you any expenses reasonably incurred in taking those steps.

In accordance with Section 170 of the 1991 Act, please note that this letter is also formal notice of entry to your above premises. Entry will be required to Goonhill End Cottage, Goongumpas, St Day, Redruth, Cornwall, TR15 5JL at 11:00am on Thursday 17 September 2015 for the following purposes:

- a) the carrying out of any survey or tests for the purpose of determining whether it is appropriate and practicable for SWW to exercise its statutory power under Part III of the 1991 Act, or to carry out any works under Section 75 as above; and how any such power should be exercised; and
- b) the exercise of any such power.

Please take notice that, should you fail to allow entry to the premises on Thursday 17 September 2015 as detailed above, SWW intends to apply under Part II of Schedule 6 to the Water Industry Act 1991, for a Justice of the Peace to issue a Warrant to authorise entry to the premises, if need be by force, to exercise SWW's above powers.

I sincerely hope that this will not prove necessary and thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Yours sincerely



Mark Baker
Regional Drinking Water Supply Manager

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