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## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Order)*

This Order identifies those bodies of water used for the abstraction of drinking water, as required by section 6(1) of the Water Environment and Water Services (Scotland) Act 2003 (“the Act”). In doing so, it implements the Scottish Ministers’ obligation to identify such bodies of water as set out in paragraph 1 of Article 7 of [Directive 2000/60/EC](#) of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a framework for Community action in the field of water policy (OJ L 327, 22.12.2000, p.1).

This is done by reference to maps prepared for the purposes of this Order and laid before the Scottish Parliament in accordance with section 6(2) of the Act.

The maps collectively identify the bodies of surface water and groundwater in the Scotland River Basin District which are: (a) used for the abstraction of drinking water and either provide more than 10 cubic metres per day or serve more than 50 persons; or (b) intended for such use.

This Order (article 3) revokes the Water Environment (Drinking Water Protected Areas) (Scotland) Order 2007.

The maps have been published by the Scottish Ministers and are available on their website at [www.scotland.gov.uk](http://www.scotland.gov.uk).

No Business and Regulatory Impact Assessment has been prepared for this Order as no impact upon business, charities or voluntary bodies is foreseen.