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To: Board Level and Day to Day Contacts of Water and Sewerage Companies and Water Companies in England and Wales

To whom it may concern

Revocation of product approvals for SikaTop®-586 Seal (56/4/86), SikaTop®-588 Seal (56/4/1128) and Sikagard®-62 (56/4/197)

Purpose

1. Revocation of the SikaTop®-586 Seal, SikaTop®-588 Seal and Sikagard®-62 with immediate effect from the list of approved products in accordance with regulation 31 (10) (a) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 (England) and the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2018 (Wales).

Background

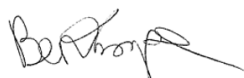
2. When products are approved and placed on the list of approved products, they have a five-year period of approval. During this time, approval holders are required to notify the Inspectorate of any changes as detailed in the conditions of use and approval. Failure to comply with these conditions may result in revocation in accordance with regulation 31 (10) (a) of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2016 (England) and of the Water Supply (Water Quality) Regulations 2018 (Wales). Where there is, or may be a potential risk to public health, an immediate revocation is issued.
3. Unauthorised changes have been made to these products.

Action Required

4. Installation and commissioning of SikaTop®-586 Seal, SikaTop®-588 Seal and Sikagard®-62 must cease with effect from **17 September 2026**.
5. Alternative approved products, as detailed in Section C.5 (C.5 - Cementitious coatings) and Section C.3 (C.3: Site applied coatings for water retaining structures) of the list of approved products should be used.
6. Copies of this letter have been sent to David Henderson, Chief Executive, Water UK; David Reynolds, Drinking Water Quality Regulator for Scotland and Berni Corr, Drinking Water Inspectorate for Northern Ireland.

Responses to this letter should be directed to reg31.enquiries@defra.gov.uk. Hard copies are not being sent, but the letter may be freely copied and will be available on the Inspectorate's website.

Yours sincerely



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