

Statement of determination on the need for Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the Nitrates Action Programme Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2014 (2014 NAP Regulations)

In accordance with regulation 10 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, this statement sets out the determination of the Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (DARD) and the Department of the Environment (DOE) (The Departments) on whether or not SEA is required for the above programme.

The Departments consider that the 2014 NAP Regulations do not require SEA because the programme (2014 NAP Regulations) constitutes a minor modification to an existing programme and the modification is not likely to have significant environment effects.

This determination is based on the outcome of the screening process detailed in a screening report. In accordance with regulation 9 of the Environmental Assessment of Plans and Programmes Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2004, the report has been considered by the SEA consultation body (the SEA Team, Northern Ireland Environment Agency) and the conclusions agreed with.

The screening report can be viewed at:

www.dardni.gov.uk/index/nitrates-action-programme.htm

or

www.doeni.gov.uk/index/protect_the_environment/water/nitrates_.htm

Further information

This statement of determination and the related screening report can also be viewed (during normal office hours) at:

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