14 January 2009

NVZ Appeals Panel
Extension of the deadline for the submission of supporting evidence

Dear Sir / Madam

The pool of members appointed to form the independent panel for the purposes of Part 2 of the Nitrate Pollution Prevention Regulations 2008 has met to consider its working arrangements. They noted the widely expressed concern at the timescale for the preparation and submission of appeals. The members noted that the guidance on appeals was published on 10\textsuperscript{th} December 2008 and required the submission of a duly completed form NVZ-AA1 with all supporting evidence by 31\textsuperscript{st} January 2009.

The members recognised that some appellants may have difficulty obtaining the evidence which they intend to rely upon (for example monitoring data or a hydrogeological report) in an appropriate form by 31\textsuperscript{st} January 2009. In order to ensure that all potential appellants have the opportunity to fairly present their evidence the independent appeals panel will accept supporting evidence which is submitted by 10\textsuperscript{th} March 2009, provided a form NVZ – AA1, marked to indicate that further supporting evidence will be submitted by 10 March and complete in all other particulars, is submitted by 31\textsuperscript{st} January 2009.

Yours faithfully,

The Secretariat, NVZ Appeals Panel