

Pesticides Working Group

Draft Terms of Reference

Name:	National Pesticides and Drinking Water Action Group
Purpose:	To support the achievement of compliance with the Drinking Water Directive pesticide parametric limit at the point of abstraction and in treated water.
Scope:	Supplies covered by the Drinking Water Regulations S.I. 122 of 2014.
Objectives:	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Enhanced Collaboration: including linkages with other national groups. 2. Awareness Raising. 3. Track Progress and Activities by relevant stakeholders. 4. Consistency, standardisation of approach. 5. Serve as a Forum for escalating particular problems/constraints. 6. Clarify Roles and Responsibilities. 7. Identify Policy Gaps/Implementation. 8. Data sharing / Initiative Sharing / Knowledge Sharing. 9. Ensure appropriate measures in RBMP. 10. Identify gaps in research. 11. Identifying incentives e.g. grant schemes. 12. Standardisation of health advice.
Working Group Co-ordinator:	Aidan Moody (DAFM)
National Network added value:	Work being done in catchments on this issue and lessons learned from that work could inform future similar activities.
Main activities:	<p>Specific activities will be identified through a framework for actions covering the following main areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raising awareness; Regulation; Research; Reducing inputs; Restructuring the supply network.
Participants:	<p>Department of Agriculture, Food and the Marine Irish Water Local Authorities Water Communities Office EPA – Drinking Water EPA – Catchment Science and Management Unit National Federation of Group Water Schemes</p>

	<p>City and County Managers' Association Health Service Executive Teagasc Irish Creamery Milk Suppliers Association Irish Farmers' Association (IFA) Federation of Agrochemical Retail Merchants (FARM) Animal & Plant Health Association (APHA) Golfing Union of Ireland (GUI) Golf Course Superintendents Association of Ireland (GCSAI) Association of Landscape Contractors of Ireland (ALCI) Hardware Association Ireland</p>
Term:	TBD
Modus Operandi:	Proposed quarterly meetings initially. Further details to be decided.

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