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**CONTROL OF WATER POLLUTION (NITRATE POLLUTION) ORDER 2010**

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The Chief Officer makes the following Order in exercise of the powers under section 7(2)(a) and (b) of the Control of Water Pollution Ordinance 2005(a).

**Citation, commencement and interpretation**

1. (1) This Order may be cited as the Control of Water Pollution (Nitrate Pollution) Order 2010 and comes into force on the day that it is published in the Gazette.

(2) In this Order, “the map” means the map produced by the Geological Survey Department of the Republic which is available at Akrotiri Area Office for public inspection during normal working hours, under the reference “SBA/AKR/nitratepollutionzone/2010”.

**Zone vulnerable to nitrate pollution**

2. The area within the Akrotiri Sovereign Base Area that is marked green on the map is designated as vulnerable zone as a result of existing or likely nitrate pollution.

**Category of water**

3. The Akrotiri aquifer is prescribed as a category of water which has been affected or is likely to be affected by nitrate pollution.

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Dated this 23rd day of April 2010.

(SBA/AG/2/EN/69/3)

J. S. Wright,  
Chief Officer,  
Sovereign Base Areas.

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**Notes**

(a) Ordinance 1/05.

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

1. This note relates to the Control of Water Pollution (Nitrate Pollution) Order 2010 (“the Order”) and has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Order.
2. The Order is made under the Control of Water Pollution Ordinance 2005. Section 7(1) of that Ordinance provides that the Chief Officer shall take such measures as may be necessary to ensure the protection of waters from any pollution caused by the discharge of animal waste or by the excessive use of fertilisers (“nitrate pollution”). This can include under section 7(2) (a) the designation of any area as a vulnerable zone as a result of existing or likely nitrate pollution, and under section 7(b) the prescription of any category of water which has been affected or is likely to be affected by nitrate pollution. This Order designates an area in the Akrotiri Peninsula as a zone vulnerable to nitrate pollution and prescribes the Akrotiri aquifer as a category of water affected or likely to be affected by nitrate pollution.
3. The map referred to in the Order has been produced by the Geological Survey Department of the Republic, and is headed “Republic of Cyprus, Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and the Environment, Directive on Nitrate Pollution (1991/676/EEC), Vulnerable Zones – 2004 Designation”. The map shows the areas in the Republic that have been designated as zones vulnerable to nitrate pollution under the equivalent Republican legislation, as well as the zone in Akrotiri that is designated in the Order. The map is available for inspection by the public at the Akrotiri Area Office during normal working hours, together with an English translation of the map’s legend. Also available for public inspection are two other maps produced by the Geological Survey Department that show, in a larger scale, the zone designated by this Order.