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By email

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Dear 

Thank you for your email in which you request information concerning a copy of Ofwat Boundary Map.

Currently Ofwat does not hold a water and sewerage undertaker boundary data map in digital or high resolution format.

The map on our website [here](#) is only used for illustrative purposes and does not define boundary locations. It is based on water company areas rather than catchment areas (although some water company boundaries might reflect catchment areas). The map was produced internally by the web team.

In relation to the original boundaries of water undertakers and sewerage undertakers ("water companies"), the maps were produced in 1989 for the then Department of the Environment and copies subsequently provided to Ofwat. We do not hold details of the cartographer.

Previously smaller scale maps published by HMSO in 1989 in a compendium of the Instruments of Appointment of water and sewerage undertakers made by the Secretaries of State for the Environment and for Wales under the Water Act 1989 carry the following legend:

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Yours sincerely,

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