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By email

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Dear RAPID stakeholders

Changes to RAPID's gate two draft decision publication and representation period dates

Solutions on RAPID's standard gated programme submitted their gate two reports on 14 November as planned. These were not published until 25 November due to delays to the publication of some water companies' draft water resource management plans (dWRMPs), which set out the needs case for the RAPID solutions.

The delays to some dWRMPs being published has resulted in some dWRMP consultation periods finishing later than initially planned. To maintain autonomy in the planning processes, it is not appropriate for RAPID to publish gate two draft decisions whilst related consultation periods are ongoing.

We are therefore advising of the following revised dates to our draft decision and representation period schedule:

- Gate two draft decision publication: 30 March 2023
- Representation period starts: 30 March 2023
- Representation period ends: 11 May 2023

<u>Our gate two website</u> links to all gate two submissions published on water company websites, and to our draft decisions when published. This page will also hold details of how to submit representations to us during the representation period.

We note that RAPID solutions associated with West Country Water Resources and affiliated water companies remain an exception to this publication and programme update, as related draft regional plans and dWRMPs remain unpublished. We will provide an update later in

January as to the status of these solutions. We will also provide an update then on our gate two final decision programme timeline.

Yours sincerely

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