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To: SQA Co-ordinator (secondary schools,  
special schools and further education colleges)  
Scottish Executive  
HMIE  
Directors of Education  
Biology Assessment Panel members  
Higher Education Institutions — Department of Education  
Customer Account Managers

**For the attention of all staff responsible for the delivery of  
National Qualifications in Managing Environmental Resources**

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None — update/information only

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Dear Colleague

**National Qualifications update — Managing Environmental Resources**

This letter is intended to provide centres with an update on National Qualifications and should be passed to the member of staff responsible for Managing Environmental Resources.

**1. Principal Assessor reports for 2006**

Principal Assessor reports for all NQ Courses in Managing Environmental Resources are available on SQA's website ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)).

The Principal Assessor reports include details of statistical information on entries; grade boundaries at C, B and A; and comments on candidate performance — including areas where candidates performed well in the external assessment, areas where candidates had difficulty with the external assessment and areas of common misunderstanding.

**2. Marking instructions**

The marking instructions for the Managing Environmental Resources (Intermediate 1, Intermediate 2, Higher and Advanced Higher) 2006 examinations are available on SQA's website ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)).

**3. Appeals**

I should like to take this opportunity to remind you of publications which centres will find helpful to refer to when preparing and collating evidence for Appeals purposes.

I would direct you to the NQ Managing Environmental Resources subject-specific page of SQA's website ([www.sqa.org.uk](http://www.sqa.org.uk)) and the publication *Estimates, Absentees and*

*Assessment Appeals* (BA0992, October 2006). These documents replace *Estimates, Absentees and External Assessment Appeals: guidance on evidence requirements* (April 2004). They provide guidance for subject specialists in centres which are delivering National Courses. A hard copy of the documents will be sent to all centres in due course.

#### **4. Moderation/examination team members**

I am currently seeking to identify Managing Environmental Resource practitioners who would be interested in becoming a member of our moderation or examination team at some point in the future. If you should like to be considered for a role on either of these teams, please send your details to Joanne Boyle (e-mail: [joanne.boyle@sqa.org.uk](mailto:joanne.boyle@sqa.org.uk)).

I hope the contents of this letter are helpful to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you need further clarification.

Yours faithfully

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