NAP4 Review – key work packages and timelines

Outline timetable for review of NAP4 Regulations

Work Package (WP)	Timescale
WP1. SEA and HRA for NAP5	
Initiate tender process for SEA HRA contract	11/23
Assess tenders and appoint contractor	12/23
SEA HRA process – contractor starts work	01/24
SEA Report drafted	05/24
Consultation on SEA Report	06/24
Contractor assesses consultation responses	9/24
Issue of SEA Statement	10/24
WP2. NAP4 Implementation Report	
Circulation of outline for NAP4 implementation report	11/23
Meeting of SWG – preparation of implementation report	12/23
Circulation of draft NAP4 implementation report	2/24
Water Quality data for 2023 available	3/24
Water Quality data trend analysis	4/24
Meeting of SWG – finalise implementation report	5/24
Publish implementation report	6/24
WP3. NAP4 Review	
Meeting of Review Working Group	11/23
Meeting of NAP Project Management Board (NPMB)	12/23
Meeting of Review Working Group (RWG)	12/23
Circulation of outline of NAP4 review report	12/23
Meeting of RWG	1/24
Meeting of RWG	2/24
RWG completes draft NAP4 review report	3/24
Meeting of NPMB to consider NAP4 review report	3/24
Finalise NAP4 review report	4/24
Finalise NAP5 consultation document	5/24
Consultation on NAP5 proposals	6/24
Assess consultation responses	9/24
Meeting of NPMB to agree NAP5	10/24
Finalise NAP5 measures	10/24

Work Package (WP)	Timescale
WP4. Legal and Regulatory	
Seek DSO Advice – re Legislative Powers	11/23
Advise Perm Secretary (in absence of Minister) of commencement of review of NAP Regulations	12/23
Commence drafting NAP Regulations	01/24
Engage with DoJ on NAP Regulations and enforcement actions etc & Seek agreement on Actions	02/24
Commence drafting of consultation documents including: Summary of findings of review any proposed revisions to NAP / derogation measures partial Regulatory Impact Assessment (RIA) other impact assessments (equality, rural proofing etc	03/24
Finalise review and consultation papers and clear by NPMB	05/24
Draft papers on consultation for Perm Sec / Minister and AERA Committee and seek approval to launch consultation	05/24
Advise AERA Committee (if Assembly is sitting)	05/24
Finalise consultation arrangements – • Organise adverts in main papers • Also place advert in Belfast Gazette (to fulfil requirement of Article 32 of Waste and Contaminated Land (NI) Order 1997 Publish consultation document (including parallel consultation on SEA environmental report) on DAERA website and circulate to stakeholders	06/24
NAP Stakeholder Group meeting on proposed NAP5	06/24
Finalise NAP5 Regulations post consultation	10/24
Complete RIA and other impact assessments	11/24
Make NAP5 Regulations	12/24
WP5. Guidance, implementation and comms	
Update guidance documents and online calculators	06/24
Guidance working group with key stakeholders	08/24
Draw up comms plan for farmers on new requirements	09/24
Guidance working group with key stakeholders	10/24
Finalise Guidance documents	10/24