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Standards and Risk Management Division

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Dear Dr. Sturbaum:

Thank you for sending the documentation requested as part of your response to your laboratory's audit report. The audit was conducted on November 2 & 3, 2006 under the Laboratory Quality Assurance Evaluation Program for the Analysis of *Cryptosporidium* in Water (Laboratory QA Program).

We are pleased to inform you that, in the judgment of the U.S. EPA Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water's Technical Support Center, all responses provided by your laboratory were found to be acceptable, and your laboratory has passed the on-site evaluation. **Your laboratory will continue to be included in the list of laboratories which have passed the on-site evaluation process and the initial performance testing under the Laboratory QA Program** which is posted on the web at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/lt2/lab_aprvlabs.html. The laboratories listed have been granted "Approved" status for the analysis of *Cryptosporidium* under the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule (LT2).

In order to maintain approval, your laboratory must continue its participation in EPA's Proficiency Testing (PT) program. EPA may also conduct follow-up audits of laboratories to ensure that they continue to meet the requirements of the Lab QA Program. Please note that all *Cryptosporidium* analyses conducted during the LT2 rule monitoring period must be performed using the updated 2005 versions of Method 1622 or Method 1623. These methods can be found at http://www.epa.gov/safewater/disinfection/lt2/lab_home.html.

If your laboratory intends to submit data to meet the requirements of the Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule, you must submit the data through the Data Collection and Tracking System (DCTS). Please contact EPA at stage2mdbp@epa.gov to request information regarding how to register for and access the DCTS.

If you have any questions, please contact Carrie Miller, at miller.carrie@epa.gov, or Jennifer Scheller, CSC, at 703-461-2118.

Sincerely,


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Enclosure

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