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Information Letter 2/2003

Dear George

***CRYPTOSPORIDIUM* IN WATER SUPPLIES: USE OF ELECTRICALLY PUMPED VACUUM SYSTEMS FOR REGULATORY *CRYPTOSPORIDIUM* ANALYSIS**

1. Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to remind Scottish Water that written approval is required before a laboratory can use an electrically pumped vacuum system for the primary concentration of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts for regulatory analysis.

2. Introduction

A letter dated 6 April 2001 was sent to all approved regulatory *Cryptosporidium* analytical laboratory contacts detailing the minimum requirements the Unit requires of an electrically pumped vacuum system for the primary concentration of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts.

Paragraph 5(e) stipulated that each laboratory required provisional approval of the design, specification and operating procedure by the Drinking Water Quality Unit. In practice this means that written approval is required before an electrically pumped vacuum system can be used for the regulatory analysis of *Cryptosporidium* samples.

3. Additional topics for Audit

The Unit will be checking as part of any future audit, either announced or unannounced, that any electrically pumped vacuum system for the primary concentration of *Cryptosporidium* oocysts is used in accordance with the requirements stated in the letter above. Evidence of written approval of the design, specification and operating procedure by the Drinking Water Quality Unit will be required as part of that audit.



4. Enquiries

Enquires about this letter should be addressed to Dr Donald Reid (Tel No: 0131 244 0278) or Email: donald.reid@scotland.gsi.gov.uk. Please acknowledge receipt of this letter using the attached form.

Yours sincerely

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Please complete the acknowledgement below and return it to:

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I acknowledge receipt of Information Letter 2/2003:

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