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Dear George

Cryptosporidium Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) 2007

1. Purpose

The purpose of this letter is to provide the 2007 version of Parts 1 and 2 of the Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) for use with *Cryptosporidium* samples from Scottish sites. Parts 3 and 4 of the SOPs remain unchanged. This letter also sets out the arrangements for subsequent revisions of the SOPs.

2. Background

Since their inception, the Standard Operating Protocols (SOPs) governing the sampling and analysis of *Cryptosporidium* have been subject to continuous review and update. The versions of the SOPs presented in this information letter represent the currently agreed position relating to the sampling and analysis of *Cryptosporidium* as it affects raw and final drinking water samples taken in Scotland.

3. Revised SOPs

The revised Part 1 and Part 2 SOPs are presented at Annex A and Annex B, respectively, of this information letter.



4. Arrangements for future revisions of the SOPs

In future, the SOPs controlling the sampling and analysis of *Cryptosporidium* from raw and final drinking waters in Scotland will operate without amendment for the calendar year for which they are issued. During the year in which the SOPs are operating proposals for modifications/changes will be considered for inclusions in the following year's SOP until the end of October in the year preceding that in which the proposed modifications/changes are being proposed. During November such modifications/changes will be incorporated into the current SOP in preparation for its publication during December with a view to the revised SOP coming into force on 1 January of the following year. For example, the 2007 SOPs will remain in place until 31 December 2007; by end October 2007 all modifications/changes required to the SOPs will be presented to Scottish Ministers and these will be incorporated during November 2007 with a view to publish the revised SOPs (which will operate from 1 January 2008) during December 2007.

5. Issues arising from this Information Letter

Issues arising from this Information Letter should be directed, in the first instance, to Dr Donald Reid, Drinking Water Quality Division, Scottish Executive.

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