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Dr. Joan Rose
Chairwoman, Science Advisory Board Drinking
Water Committee
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Dr. Rose:

I offer my thanks to the Drinking Water Committee of the Science Advisory Board for providing advice and comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's draft supporting analyses for the soon-to-be proposed Revised Total Coliform Rule. I recognize that the committee and the full Science Advisory Board invested significant time and effort in preparing the report, and I truly appreciate it.

In response to your valuable recommendations, we have worked hard to enhance the Revised Total Coliform Rule supporting analyses. We have conducted additional sensitivity analyses, added exhibits, and expanded and clarified text to develop a more transparent, robust document that is easier to read. The preamble and supporting analyses for the proposed Revised Total Coliform Rule will reflect those revisions in more detail, and we certainly will keep the recommendations in mind for future EPA analyses.

Once more, thank you for all your work. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, at (202) 564-5700.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lisa P. Jackson".

Lisa P. Jackson

cc: Peter S. Silva, Assistant Administrator, Office of Water
Cynthia C. Dougherty, Director, Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water
Pamela S. Barr, Director, Standards and Risk Management Division



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Dr. Deborah L. Swackhamer
Chairwoman, Science Advisory Board
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Dear Dr. Swackhamer:

Thank you for providing the Science Advisory Board's advice and comment on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's draft supporting analyses for the soon-to-be proposed Revised Total Coliform Rule. I truly appreciate the significant time and effort that the SAB and the Drinking Water Committee dedicated to preparing the report.

In response to your valuable recommendations, we have worked hard to enhance the Revised Total Coliform Rule supporting analyses. We have conducted additional sensitivity analyses, added exhibits, and expanded and clarified text to develop a more transparent, robust document that is easier to read. The preamble and supporting analyses for the proposed Revised Total Coliform Rule will reflect those revisions in more detail, and we certainly will keep the recommendations in mind for future EPA analyses.

Again, I offer my sincere thanks for your work. If you have any questions, please contact Peter Silva, Assistant Administrator for the Office of Water, at (202) 564-5700.

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