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Dear Mr. George:

We are pleased to inform you that the Statistics and Analytical Support Branch (SASB), in concert with the Office of Ground Water and Drinking Water's Technical Support Center (OGWDW/TSC), has determined that Environmental Health Laboratories (EHL) Method "2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin in Drinking Water by GC/MS/MS" [April 28, 2004] (ATP case No. D04-001) is an acceptable version of EPA Method 1613B and may be used for National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) compliance monitoring.

EHL's modifications to EPA Method 1613B including the use of GC/MS/MS in place of high-resolution GC/MS (HRGC/MS) are minor modifications of the approved method and, therefore, do not require a full interlaboratory validation study and approval as an alternate test procedure. Please note, as specified in Section 2.3.1 of "2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin in Drinking Water by GC/MS/MS", that all positive identifications of 2,3,7,8-tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin in drinking water samples to be reported for NPDWR compliance monitoring must be confirmed using HRGC/MS.

We appreciate your interest in the development of environmental monitoring methods. If you have any questions regarding review of this ATP, please contact William Telliard of SASB (202/566-1061) or Herb Brass of OGWDW/TSC (513/569-7936).

Sincerely,

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