

Dear Ms. Peterson,

Thank you for your email of 16 April 2009 in which you included a news release from the Safe Drinking Water Foundation about its position paper on the Federal Engagement Sessions for First Nations Drinking Water. The news release mentions Indian and Northern Affairs Canada's allocation of funds for First Nations water projects, and Health Canada's assessments of water quality.

I have forwarded your email to our teams responsible for audits of Indian and Northern Affairs Canada and Health Canada for their consideration in the planning of future audits. However, we are not committing to audit the issues you have raised. Many potential audit issues come to our attention on a variety of matters, and I am sure you can appreciate that we cannot address all of them. Each one is carefully considered in light of our mandate, the matter's significance, our audit schedule, and our available resources.

I appreciate the fact that you took the time to write to us about your concerns.

Yours sincerely,

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