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Dr. Hans Peterson
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Dear Dr. Peterson:

The economic well-being and quality of life in rural areas across the prairies is important to all Canadians. Water quality is of particular concern in rural areas whether for human consumption or in support of agri-food activities.

Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration, a Branch of Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada shares this concern and receives regular requests for water quality assistance from rural clients. Often requests relate to a water source that is not acceptable for agricultural needs (e.g. livestock watering) or for domestic household needs.

A common concern is that the agri-food sector and rural population do not know who can provide answers to their water quality concerns. Government agencies and the private sector must partner to address this need. Working together we can have a positive and significant impact on an issue that must be addressed through good science.

For these reasons, PFRA extends support to the Safe Drinking Water Foundation, as we understand the not-for-profit agency is focussed on seeking solutions to help rural people with water quality problems.

Yours truly,

Dr. B.H. Sonntag
Director General - PFRA

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