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Dear Dr. Peterson:

The formation of a Safe Drinking Water Foundation to improve the production and supply of safe drinking water in rural areas is most commendable. The strong support from the Province of Saskatchewan, the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities, and the Farm Credit Corporation, attest to this.

Small rural water supplies, such as dugouts and shallow wells, frequently have elevated quantities of both particulate and dissolved organic matter. Their removal, identified as priorities by the Safe Drinking Water Foundation, are indeed two key requirements for the production of safe drinking water.

Sustainable and cost-effective solutions to these problems will provide health benefits to rural citizens in Canada and abroad. Health Canada is therefore pleased to provide this letter of support for the Safe Drinking Water Foundation.

Yours sincerely,

Rod Raphael
Director General
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