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Dear Dr Hall

**Proposed Safe Drinking Water Regulations**

Thank you for your letter dated 24 September 2004 regarding proposed safe drinking water regulations.

The North Central Catchment Management Authority, recognises the value these guidelines will provide for water quality standards and community health. We appreciate that the regulatory framework provides for integrated quality assurance and risk management of drinking water quality and imposes obligations on water suppliers and water storage managers.

Whilst the framework is noted to specifically impose regulatory obligations on water suppliers and water storage managers, the North Central CMA recognises that there may be a non-regulatory role for Catchment Management Authorities in participating with water suppliers and water storage managers in assessing risk management on a catchment basis.

If you would like to discuss this matter further, please feel free to contact Jon Leever on 5440-1807.

Yours sincerely

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