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Dear Brian

RE: Safe Drinking Water Regulations 2004 - Submission

South West Water Authority (SWWA) would like to thank the Department of Human Services for the opportunity to make comment on the Draft Safe Drinking Water Regulations. SWWA agrees with the submission that Victorian Water Industry Association (VicWater) has made on behalf of the Victorian water authorities.

However SWWA would like to strongly emphasize the fact that test parameters such as:

- the Chloroacetic acids and Trihalomethanes should be tested only when supplies are disinfected with chlorine based products; and
- Bromate and Formaldehyde be only tested when supplies are disinfected with Ozone; and
- Aluminium be only tested when supplies are treated with Aluminium based products

SWWA would also like to see greater advice provided for the content of the annual report. A basic template would mean that all water authorities would be providing the same type of information; this would have benefits for both the Department of Human Services and the Water authorities.

Yours faithfully

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