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Dear Mr. Obie:

This letter responds to your request for EPA acceptance of the use of the Aqasure Pro 3000™ portable incubator and the Aqualert™ Test Kit with EPA methods approved at title 40 of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR), Part 141.21, Subpart C, (Total Coliform Rule). EPA does not approve or endorse specific equipment or instrumentation. However, EPA also does not restrict the use of specific equipment or instrumentation with EPA approved methods provided that the equipment meets certain requirements, as described below.

From the information provided with your request, it appears that the Aqasure Pro 3000™ portable incubator and the Aqualert™ Test Kit could be used with methods approved for National Primary Drinking Water Regulations (NPDWR) compliance monitoring under the Total Coliform Rule provided that the following requirements are met: (1) all procedures in the methods are followed, (2) all method specified quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) criteria are met, and (3) QA/QC specifications listed in the *Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water* (EPA 815-B-97-001) are achieved. Final responsibility for ensuring that all procedures in the approved methods are followed, all method specified QA/QC criteria are met, and all equipment used conforms with the specifications found in the *Manual for the Certification of Laboratories Analyzing Drinking Water* rests with the analyst who performs the test.

Thank you for your interest in improving environmental testing methods. If I can be of additional assistance on this and other matters, please write or call me at (202) 566-1061 at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William A. Telliard".

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