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To: Committee on Drinking Water Secretariat

RE: Guidance on Natural Organic Matter in Drinking Water

CWWA's Drinking Water Quality Committee reviewed the proposed Guidance on Natural Organic Matter in Drinking Water.

The Committee agrees with the overall assessment, controlling natural organic matter is an important step in ensuring the efficacy of water treatment and its indirect consequences on the safety of finished drinking water. We appreciate that the document recognizes that the approach for managing natural organic matter will vary greatly depending on source water quality and treatment processes.

The advice provided in the document is a valuable resource that will help water utilities in developing their strategy for addressing natural organic matter. It provides a valuable summary of the available information on the subject.

We did have one editorial comment on the text: Section B 2.2.1, tableau 2 À mon avis, UCT (unité de couleur Totale ) devrait être remplacé par UCV (Unité de couleur vraie) La notion de couleur totale m'est totalement inconnue. La couleur peut être soit vraie ou apparente / For my opinion, TCU (Total colour unit) should be change by (true colour unit) . Total colour unit is completely unknown for me. Color is usually quantify as true colour or apparent colour.

Thank you for your consideration

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