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To: Committee on Drinking Water Secretariat

RE: Proposed Guidance for Waterborne Pathogens

CWWA's Drinking Water Quality Committee reviewed the proposed guidance on Waterborne Pathogens.

The Committee found the document to be an excellent resource, compiling the available information on waterborne pathogens in one place. We appreciate the ongoing effort in compiling these documents and the opportunity to provide feedback

Our Committee did note that while there was excellent information on numerous pathogens in drinking water. We agree with the general approach recommended in the guidance that setting maximum acceptable concentrations for the pathogens described in the document is impractical and not necessary.

One of CWWA's members – IDEXX submitted extensive comments on *L. pneumophila* and its implications for the development of Legionnaires disease. IDEXX is proposing that there is growing evidence that monitoring for *L. pneumophila* at the treatment plant can help in communications strategies, inform building owners and ultimately support measures to reduce the growth of these bacteria. CWWA encourages Health Canada to consider the IDEXX comments and further robust guidance on *L. pneumophila* either in this document or as a separate guidance document.

Thank you for your consideration

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