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Dear Dr. Wilson:

Further to your letter of November 19, 2004, with respect to the Province of Manitoba's accreditation requirement respecting analytical laboratories, I am advised that Manitoba's accreditation requirement is currently as follows when contracting for laboratory services:

"The Laboratory shall maintain on-going accreditation to ensure compliance with ISO/IEC 17025 requirements for as many of the analytes involved in this RFP as possible.

- (a) The laboratory shall receive accreditation by an agency that meets:
 - (i) the requirements of ISO 17011, Conformity assessment-General requirements for accreditation bodies or its predecessor ISO Guide 58, General criteria for the operation and mutual recognition of Laboratory Accreditation Systems; and
 - (ii) the status of full member signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation.
- (b) If any accreditation is suspended or revoked, the Laboratory must advise Manitoba immediately, in writing."

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Sincerely,

Don Potter Deputy Minister

c. Norman Brandson, Deputy Minister, Water Stewardship