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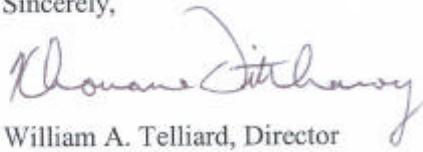
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Dear Mr. Decker:

We are pleased to inform you that in the judgement of the Statistics and Analytical Support Branch (SASB), Merck's Method, "COD-Cell Test for non-Merck Photometers," Cat. No. 1.18750.0001, December 1998 edition, (ATP case No. N01-0004) is an acceptable version of the methods approved at 40 *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) Part 136 for determination of chemical oxygen demand (COD) by spectrophotometry (e.g., EPA Method 410.4: "Chemical Oxygen Demand (Colorimetric, Automated; Manual)").

We appreciate Merck's continued interest in the development of environmental compliance monitoring methods and Cardinal Laboratories support of these efforts. If you have any questions regarding the review this application, please contact Khouane Ditthavong at 202/260-6115.

Sincerely,


for William A. Telliard, Director
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