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Dear Laura Tanguay and Justin Pulleyblank:

**RE: EBR #: 24EBR001.R
EBR Application for Review of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and
Drinking Water Quality Standards regulation in relation to lead in drinking
water**

Thank you for your Application for Review submitted under Part IV of the *Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993* (EBR). We appreciate the time and effort you have invested on this matter. Applications for review are taken seriously by the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks (“the ministry”) and your application has been carefully assessed.

In your application, you request that the ministry review of the *Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002* and O. Reg. 169/03 (Ontario Drinking Water Quality Standards). Your request for review relates to your concerns regarding lead in drinking water in Ontario.

In accordance with Section 117 of the EBR, the decision on your application has been delegated by the Minister to me as the Assistant Deputy Minister of the Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division. The ministry has completed a preliminary review of your EBR Application for Review. After careful consideration of the information available and the requirements of the EBR, I have concluded that the public interest does not warrant a review by the ministry of the matters raised in your application.

The rationale for my determination is detailed in the attached summary.

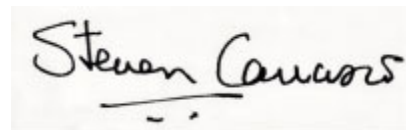
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We appreciate the time and effort that you have invested in this matter, and we thank you for your application. In the event that you have any questions regarding your Application for Review, please feel free to contact Rachael Fletcher, Director of Central Region at 416-453-6591 or by email at Rachael.Fletcher@ontario.ca.

Should you have any questions regarding the EBR, please feel free to contact Scott Shaw, Policy Advisor in the ministry's Environmental Bill of Rights Office at (647) 632-1470 or scott.shaw@ontario.ca.

Thank you again for your application.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Carrasco". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Steven Carrasco
Assistant Deputy Minister
Drinking Water and Environmental Compliance Division

c: Scott Shaw, Policy Advisor, Environmental Bill of Rights Office