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From: Kelly Stettner <blackrivercleanup@yahoo.com>
Sent: Monday, July 21, 2014 10:53 AM
To: Kamman, Neil
Cc: Caduto, Marie
Subject: Re: qPCR as an alternative to E.coli counts? (How's this for an official comment?)

Dear Neil et al;

As a volunteer organization based on the Black River in Windsor County VT, it seems to me that, while programs exist to help groups like the BRAT monitor E.coli levels in our waterways, it would be pragmatic for the State to continue to explore more expeditious methods for collecting this information so it may be shared with the recreating public in a more timely fashion. As technology and scientific research advance, procedures such as qPCR and others may become feasible alternatives to the current methods which require long waiting periods for bacterial culturing.

It is my hope, as Director of the Black River Action Team, that the State of Vermont continues to stay abreast of cutting-edge research and to consider all options for quick testing so we may more accurately inform the public as they swim, boat, and fish in our waters.

Sincerely,
Kelly Stettner, Director

Black River Action Team (BRAT)...*be part of the solution!*

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Sent: Friday, July 18, 2014 6:20 PM
Subject: RE: qPCR as an alternative to E.coli counts?

Thanks Kelly. Because this is a legal rulemaking process conducted under the Administrative Procedures Act thru the Secretary of State, I would want to make sure I capture BRATs concern correctly. As such, would you mind writing up the specific concern just so I know we capture it correctly?

Thanks much and have a nice weekend.

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