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WATER RESOURCES BOARD

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Ernst Mueller, Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation
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Dear Commissioner Mueller:

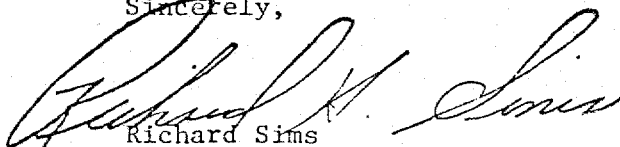
At its March meeting the Water Resources Board discussed testing for water quality in single-family residences. Your staff explained to the Board that water testing requests are routinely referred to the private commercial laboratories in the state.

The Board's opinion is that many citizens are either unaware of the need for periodic testing or unsure of the way to go about it. The Board feels that it would be appropriate for DEC to publicize the why, where and how of water testing.

Since drinking water quality is within DEC's purview, but a house-to-house testing program is not legally or financially your responsibility, the Board thought a reasonable compromise might be radio and television announcements and newspaper notices that tell Alaskans who to contact for this service.

We would appreciate you or your staff letting us know at our July meeting how this program is progressing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Richard H. Sims".

Richard Sims
Chairman