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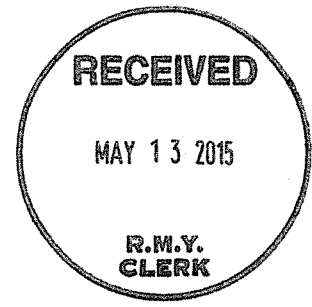
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Mr. Denis Kelly
Regional Clerk
The Regional Municipality of York
17250 Yonge Street
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Dear Mr. Kelly:

Thank you for your letter of March 27, 2015 and for providing me with a copy of Clause No. 2 of Committee of the Whole Report No. 6 related to your 2014 Annual Drinking Water System Summary Report. I teleconferenced with Mr. David Szeptzcki on March 27th on this issue.

I share your interest in more frequent and timely release of drinking water data through my annual report. As I mentioned to Mr. Szeptzcki, we are working to streamline our internal processes to expedite publication so that it is released closer to the end of our fiscal year.

In support of the province's commitment to open government, open information and transparency, we are currently working on releasing the detailed municipal compliance and test data summarized in my annual report on a quarterly basis, to get the information out quicker. We are aiming to start that later this year with the 2014-2015 data.

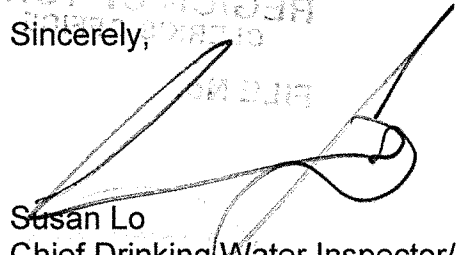
To some extent, we have already started moving towards a different reporting model, which reflects how the ministry as a whole is moving forward to increase transparency with the data we have. The body of my latest report was shortened by half but it included a lot more compliance data. New this year were:

- details on the status of the 20 municipalities that were required to prepare corrosion control plans related to lead;
- a comprehensive summary of convictions for non-municipal year-round residential drinking water systems and systems serving designated facilities; and,
- details about disciplinary actions taken against certified operators. The information we included about convictions and disciplinary actions were done in a way to disclose details without divulging personal information.

In the future, you can expect to see provincial ministries releasing more of the data that we collect and equally importantly, in a more timely way.

Again, thank you for bringing your concerns to my attention, and please accept my best wishes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Susan Lo', written over a faint, mirrored stamp of the text 'REGION OF YORK'.

Susan Lo
Chief Drinking Water Inspector/Assistant Deputy Minister
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MR. S. J. YAM