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Dear Participant,

The Health Protection Agency Regional Microbiology Network has undertaken a review of the Environmental Virology Unit, Reading, UK due to the imminent retirement of Dr Jane Sellwood, Head of Unit.

The review has concluded that the Unit in its current form should be decommissioned with effect from 31st October 2008.

I am now writing to advise you that the Health Protection Agency will no longer be able to receive samples for the detection of enterovirus with immediate effect.

I would also like to advise you that the External Quality Assurance scheme for Enterovirus detection in water will also be discontinued as from 31st October 2008.

We thank you for your past support and custom.

Regards,

Peter Hawtin PhD,
Interim Regional Microbiologist

