

Topic: U.S. EPA approval letter of Colisure® for use with Quanti-Tray®
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Source: Letter to Dr. L.Manja R. Blazer, IDEXX Laboratories, Inc.

Report Highlights:

- This U.S. EPA letter approves the use of Colisure with Quanti-Tray for enumerating total coliforms and *E. coli* in drinking water samples under the Total Coliform Rule.



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Dr. L. Manja R. Blazer, Manager
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Dear Dr. Blazer:

In your letter of March 30, 2001, you requested a statement from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) that would allow laboratories to use the IDEXX Colisure test in a Quantitray format for the simultaneous detection of total coliforms and *Escherichia coli* in drinking water samples under the Total Coliform Rule (TCR).

EPA previously approved the Colisure test for use under the TCR (40 CFR141.21(f)(3) and (f)(6)(iv)). The Agency notes that the Quantitray format does not involve a change in the medium formulation. As a result of our evaluation, we have determined that no additional approval is needed for using the Quantitray format. Therefore, laboratories may use the Colisure test in a Quantitray format to determine the presence or absence of total coliforms and *E. coli* in drinking water under the TCR.

If you have any further questions, please contact Dr. Paul S. Berger at (202) 260-3039.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ephraim King".

Ephraim S. King, Director
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