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General Comment

I fully support the proposed procedure for bottled water manufacturers selling in the United States and abroad to maintain records of microbiological testing and corrective measures in addition to existing recordkeeping requirements about the extension (OMB Control Number 0910-0658 - Extension) 21 CFR 129.35(a)(3)(i), 129.80(g), and 129.80(h)

I fully support the proposed requirement based on the industry safety standard. Good Manufacturing Practices commit the manufacturer to providing a safe and quality product produced in a sanitary environment and in sanitary, safety-sealed containers.

Information collection supports FDA regulation requirements and the additional record keeping of water with insufficient or inappropriate

testing for traces of coliform. Follow-up testing requires bottlers to test samples from each batch at least once a week and subsequently do additional testing for other bacteria, such as E. coli and streptococci.