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Kimberley, B. C.  
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Dr. Kingsley Kay,  
Chief Industrial Hygiene  
Laboratories,  
Dept. of Health & Welfare,  
200 Kent Street,  
OTTAWA, ONTARIO.

Dear Dr. Kay:

Obtaining water specimens from the various lakes during the winter season is a very difficult procedure and, in some cases, requires up to a full day's work to get the specimen. As you know, these lakes are covered with from two to six feet of ice. Chopping through this is not only difficult but it is attended with some danger.

I think we have established through the years that there is no sub-surface contamination of these waters during the winter season. In view of this and the difficulty involved in obtaining specimens, I wonder if you will agree that we discontinue lake sampling after freeze-up. I would suggest that we discontinue for the months November to April and take monthly samples during the remaining months.

Yours truly,

(Signed)  
K. Raht  
SENIOR RESEARCH ENGINEER.

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