Dear Deborah Howard:

This is in response to your letter requesting approval of the chemical treatment of Hepatitis A virus and Hepatitis C virus culture wastes using Virkon antiviral solution as described in the request for approval submitted to the Department.

According to 15A NCAC 13B .1207(4)(b) the Division is authorized to approve the alternative chemical treatments of microbiological wastes.

The chemical treatment of the organisms listed above as described in the procedures for treatment which was submitted with your letter of July 13, 2010, is approved.

The test descriptions and results which were submitted to the Department substantiate the efficacy of the treatment of the organisms with Virkon antiviral solution.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter you may contact me at (919) 508-8499 or Bill Patrakis at (336) 771-5091.

Sincerely,

Ellen Lorscheider
Environmental Programs Manager

Cc: Bill Patrakis, Environmental Biologist