## HOW TO USE COLILERT-18®

## Qualitative Test Procedure



Carefully remove snap pack from the strip, taking care not to tear adjacent pack.



Open the snap pack by snapping back the top at the score line. **Caution: Do not touch the opening of the pack.**Add the reagent to a 100ml water sample in a sterile, transparent, non-fluorescent vessel.



Aseptically cap and seal the vessel and shake until dissolved.



Incubate for 18 hours at 35 ± 0.5°C (or according to local regulation).



Fluorescent\*
Positive for *E. Coli*\*Use 365nm UV light

Colourless Negative for Coliforms

Yellow
Positive for
Total Coliforms

Read the results at 18 hours (but no later than 22 hours) compare each result to a comparator.

- If no yellow colour is observed, the sample is negative for Coliforms and *E. Coli.*
- If the sample has a yellow colour ≥ comparator, the sample is confirmed positive for coliforms
- If yellow colour is observed, check vessel for fluorescence by placing a 6 watt 365 nm UV light 5 inches (13cm) from the sample in a dark environment.
   If fluorescence is ≥ to the comparator the sample is confirmed positive for *E. Coli*.

Be sure the light is facing away from eyes.

