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Via Electronic Mail

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Re: Nutrimens™ Technology Acceptance Letter

Dear Mr. Birk:

The Waste Cleanup Program (WCP) hereby accepts the use of Nutrimens™ metabolic supplements for the remediation of chlorinated hydrocarbons and metals in soil and groundwater. Nutrimens™ is a nutrient supplement used for *in-situ* anaerobic remediation. The specific contents have been declared proprietary. Enclosure 1 contains a proprietary ingredients voucher and Enclosure 2 contains regulatory information regarding the use of this product. Use of this product should be done in accordance with the concentration restrictions found in Enclosure 2.

The WCP does not provide endorsement of specific or brand name remediation products or processes, but it does recognize the need to determine their acceptability in the context of environmental regulations, safety and the protection of public health. For that reason, the WCP issues an "acceptance" letter, not an approval. In no way shall an acceptance be construed as a certification of performance. Additionally, vendors, upon receipt of an acceptance, must market their product or process on its own merits regarding performance, cost, and safety in comparison to competing alternatives in the marketplace.

Remedial Action Plans that propose the use of an accepted product or process should include a copy of the acceptance letter in the plan's appendix, and reference it in the text of the document. It is not a requirement that a particular remediation product or process have an official acceptance letter in order for it to be proposed in a site-specific Remedial Action Plan. The plan, however, must contain sufficient information about the product or process to show that it meets all applicable rules and regulations.

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The WCP reserves the right to revoke its acceptance of a product or process if it has been falsely represented. Additionally, WCP acceptance of any product or process does not imply it has been deemed applicable for all cleanup situations, or that it is preferred over other treatment or cleanup techniques in any particular case. A site-specific evaluation of applicability and cost-effectiveness must be considered for any product or process, whether conventional or innovative, and adequate site-specific design details must be provided in a Remedial Action Plan submitted for Department review and approval. If you have any questions, please contact us at the numbers below.

Sincerely,

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enc: (1) Proprietary Ingredients Voucher
(2) Regulatory Information

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Re: Nutrimens™ Proprietary Ingredients Voucher

Dear Mr. Birk:

The Waste Cleanup Program (WCP) hereby acknowledges receipt of a confidential disclosure regarding the proprietary ingredients of Nutrimens™. Having reviewed the submission, the WCP hereby vouches that Nutrimens™ meets the requirements of Chapters 62-520 and 62-528, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), if used in accordance with Enclosure 2 (regulatory information) of the acceptance letter.

Each site-specific remedial action plan that proposes to use Nutrimens™ must include the information required by Chapters 62-520 and 62-528, F.A.C. Remedial action plan approval orders, when issued by the Department, will meet the requirements of the Underground Injection Control (UIC) program.

For Underground Injection Control purposes, injection-type aquifer remediation plans must specify both the volume and the complete chemical composition of the fluid to be injected. Since the details of the ingredients and their proportions in Nutrimens™ are proprietary, it will suffice to indicate just the volume and concentration of Nutrimens™ to be injected, and then provide a note that a confidential disclosure of the proprietary details has already been submitted to the Department and accepted. Reference should be made to this voucher, and a copy of it should be included as an appendix to the plan. If you have any questions, please contact me at the number below.

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REGULATORY INFORMATION

- a. Regulations: Chapters of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.) that may be applicable, either in part or in their entirety, include but are not necessarily limited to Chapter 62-550, F.A.C., for primary and secondary water quality standards; Chapter 62-520, F.A.C. for groundwater classes and standards, and groundwater permitting and monitoring requirements; Chapter 62-528, F.A.C., for Underground Injection Control (UIC), particularly Part V, for Class V, Group 4 aquifer remediation projects; Chapter 62-780, F.A.C., for cleanup criteria; and Chapter 62-777, F.A.C., for cleanup target levels.

Users of Nutrimens™ shall comply with all applicable regulations. This includes meeting applicable cleanup target levels for residual concentrations of reagent ingredients and any byproducts of concern produced by chemical and biological reactions induced by those ingredients during the timeframe of the cleanup project. For the ingredients of concern that are present in excess of cleanup target levels, the timeframe is that which is permitted for a temporary injection zone of discharge (ZOD) as described below.

- b. UIC and ZOD permits: In accordance with Rule 62-528.630(2)(c), F.A.C., Class V injection-type aquifer remediation wells are exempt from the permitting requirements of Rule 62-528.635, F.A.C., when authorized by a Department-approved remedial action plan or other enforceable mechanism, provided the requirements of the rules governing the remediation project, as well as the construction, operation, and monitoring requirements of Chapter 62-528, F.A.C., are met. The issuance of an enforceable, site-specific Remedial Action Plan Approval Order by the Department for injection-type aquifer remediation constitutes the granting of a Class V injection well construction/clearance permit. In accordance with Rule 62-520.310(8)(c), F.A.C., if a temporary ZOD is necessary and permissible, then the issuance of the site-specific Remedial Action Plan Approval Order also constitutes the granting of permission for the temporary ZOD.
- c. UIC notification: Remedial action plans proposing injection-type aquifer remediation shall include information pursuant to Rules 62-528.630(2)(c)1 through 6, F.A.C., for the inventory purposes of the UIC program. Reviewers of those plans, upon issuance of an enforceable Remedial Action Plan Approval Order by the Department, must submit a completed copy of the UIC inventory notification form to the UIC program in Tallahassee.
- d. General information about temporary ZODs: For groundwater remediation, the composition of an injected material must meet the primary and secondary drinking water standards set forth in Chapter 62-550, F.A.C., and the minimum groundwater criteria of Chapter 62-520, F.A.C., pursuant to paragraph 62-528.600(2)(d), F.A.C. Aquifer remediation products that do not meet these requirements must seek relief from water quality criteria by one of two mechanisms. Permission for a temporary ZOD may be obtained via paragraph 62-520.310(8)(c), F.A.C. If a ZOD cannot be obtained by rule, it will be necessary to seek a variance from Department rules in accordance with Section 120.542, Florida Statutes.

Rule 62-520.310(8)(c), F.A.C., allows for a temporary ZOD for closed-loop re-injection systems, for the prime constituents of the reagents used to remediate site contaminants, and for groundwater secondary standards. In order to obtain permission for a temporary ZOD by rule, a site-specific remedial action plan must indicate: (a) the chemical ingredients of concern in the fluid to be injected that will be present in excess of groundwater standards; (b) the size of the ZOD that is needed; (c) the amount of time that the ZOD will be needed; and (d) a plan for monitoring the injected chemical ingredients of concern. The size of the temporary ZOD will usually be the injection well radius of influence when the treatment system is a single injection point. For a multiple point system, the ZOD

can usually be expressed and illustrated as the total area of the cluster formed by all the injection points, located side-by-side with overlapping radii of influence.

- e. Specific ZOD information for Nutrimens™: Site-specific remedial action plans shall indicate the volume of injections and the concentration of Nutrimens™ to be injected. For injections of liquid Nutrimens at concentrations below **14%** by weight (after dilution with water or other suitable dilution material), and for injections of a solution of dissolved granular Nutrimens at concentrations below **7%**, a temporary ZOD can be granted by rule 62-520.310(8)(c), F.A.C., for **ammonia, pH and total dissolved solids (TDS)**. Above these injection concentrations, a temporary ZOD can be granted by rule for **ammonia, nitrate, pH and TDS**, but a variance from Department rules must be obtained for a temporary ZOD for **arsenic, cadmium, chromium and selenium**. Instruction for seeking a variance can be found at: <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/pcp/pages/innovative.htm>.
- f. Avoidance of migration: For injection-type, in-situ aquifer remediation projects, pursuant to Rule 62-528.630(3), F.A.C., injection of Nutrimens™ shall be performed in such a way, and at such a rate and volume, that no undesirable migration of either the ingredients of concern, site contaminants, or remediation byproducts results.
- g. Abandonment of wells: Upon issuance of a Site Rehabilitation Completion Order, injection wells shall be abandoned pursuant to Section 62-528.645, F.A.C., and the UIC program in Tallahassee shall be notified so that the treatment wells can be removed from the injection well inventory-tracking list.
- h. Additives: If chemical additives such as surfactants or other ingredients are used with Nutrimens™ for specific cleanup projects, then a site-specific remedial action plan must include a complete description of the chemical composition and physical properties of the additives and the amounts to be injected, along with a description of the need for a temporary ZOD as described in paragraph d above if the fluid does not meet primary, secondary, and minimum groundwater standards.