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March 9, 2010

Mr. R. David Laurell
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RE: Proposed Permit No. VPA03002 – Nutri-Blend, Inc., Campbell County, Virginia

Dear Mr. Laurell:

Thank you for your letter dated February 25, 2010 concerning proposed permit number VPA03002 for the land application of biosolids in Campbell County.

As you point out in your letter, the discrepancies in land ownership identified in May 2009 were addressed through an amendment to the permit application. In light of the discrepancies regarding landowner approval identified in the current application, the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) will review the landowner agreements and associated land to ensure that appropriate landowner approval is obtained prior to a permitting decision. You have also requested that the permit application process be suspended based on the incorrect landowner information. DEQ plans to ensure that the correct landowner is identified and the appropriate approvals are obtained prior to issuing the permit. Absent any further erroneous or incomplete application information, we are aware of no basis to warrant suspension of the permit pursuant to statute or regulation. As you may already know, the public is invited to provide comments during the current public comment period, including at a public hearing scheduled for March 16th, 2010. Also, any person who commented on the permit during the public hearing comment period may also provide comments at the State Water Control Board meeting in advance of a permit decision in accordance with the Board's Policy for Public Comment at Board Meetings. For your information, the Board's policy is published as part of the agenda for each meeting.

We appreciate your concern in this matter. As an additional measure to address the process by which landowner permission is obtained and verified, DEQ has proposed that amendments to the regulations include a requirement for the permit applicant to provide tax identification numbers for the proposed fields with the permit application.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (434) 582-6212 or by email at Kevin.Crider@deq.virginia.gov.

Sincerely,

Kevin A. Crider
Environmental Engineer