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SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY
RESPONSE

Ms. Linda Bridges
Verde Environmental, Inc.
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Dear Ms. Bridges:

Thank you for providing the additional technical product data required by the revised National Oil and Hazardous Substances Pollution Contingency Plan (NCP), 40 CFR Part 300, on the Bioremediation Agent "Micro-Blaze." Your data submission satisfies the requirements contained in Title 40 of the CFR section 300.915 of the NCP. "Micro-Blaze" will remain on the NCP Product Schedule under Bioremediation Agents and may be authorized for use by Federal On-Scene Coordinators in accordance with 40 CFR section 300.910. The technical data for this product will be kept on file by the Oil Program Center pursuant to 40 CFR section 300.920.

Enclosed are some of the relevant provisions in the NCP on restrictions regarding the listing of your product. Please note, you are required to notify the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) of any changes in composition, formulation, handling procedures, or application of your product. Based on this notice, EPA may require retesting of the product. Also, note that the listing of "Micro-Blaze" on the NCP Product Schedule does not constitute approval, certification, authorization, licensing or promotion of the product; nor does it imply compliance with any criteria or minimum standards for such agents. Failure to comply with these restrictions or the making of any improper reference to EPA in an attempt to demonstrate approval or acceptance of the product will constitute grounds for removal of the product from the schedule.

If you have questions, please contact Ms. Gail Thomas in the Oil Program Center at (703) 603-8736.

Sincerely,

David Lopez, Director
Oil Program Center (5203G)

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NCP Product Schedule Restrictions
(as described in the National Contingency Plan
Subpart J Section 300.920)

Section 300.920(d)

The submitter must notify EPA of any changes in the composition, formulation, or application of the dispersant, surface washing agent, surface collecting agent, bioremediation agent, or miscellaneous oil spill control agent. On the basis of this data, EPA may require retesting of the product if the change is likely to affect the effectiveness or toxicity of the product.

Section 300.920(e)

The listing of a product on the NCP Product Schedule does not constitute approval of the product. To avoid possible misinterpretation or misrepresentation, any label, advertisement, or technical literature that refers to the placement of the product on the NCP Schedule must either reproduce in its entirety EPA's written statement that it will add the product to the NCP Product Schedule under § 300.920 (a)(2) or (b)(2), or include the disclaimer shown below. If the disclaimer is used, it must be conspicuous and must be fully reproduced. Failure to comply with these restrictions or any other improper attempt to demonstrate the approval of the product by any NRT or other U.S. Government agency shall constitute grounds for removing the product from the NCP Product Schedule.

Disclaimer

[PRODUCT NAME] is on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NCP Product Schedule. This listing does NOT mean that EPA approves, recommends, licenses, certifies, or authorizes the use of [PRODUCT NAME] on an oil discharge. This listing means only that data have been submitted to EPA as required by subpart J of the National Contingency Plan, § 300.915.

DEFINITIONS FROM ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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BIOREMEDIATION AGENT: Microbial cultures, enzyme additives, or nutrient additives that are deliberately introduced into an oil discharge and that will significantly increase the rate of biodegradation to mitigate the effects of the discharge.

DISPERSANTS: Those chemical agents that emulsify, disperse, or solubilize oil into the water column or promote the surface spreading of oil slicks to facilitate the dispersal of the oil into the water column.

MISCELLANEOUS OIL SPILL CONTROL AGENT: Any product, other than a dispersant, sinking agent, surface washing agent, surface collecting agent, bioremediation agent, burning agent, or sorbent that can be used to enhance oil spill clean-up, removal, treatment or mitigation.

SURFACE COLLECTING AGENTS: Those chemical agents that form a surface film to control the layer thickness of oil.

SURFACE WASHING AGENT: Any product that removes oil from solid surfaces, such as beaches and rocks, through a detergency mechanism and does not involve dispersing or solubilizing the oil into the water columns.