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**Subject: Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project**

Dear Mr. Tisopulos:

Thank you for your participation at the Inland Empire Utilities Agency (IEUA) Stakeholder Meeting held on June 10, 2004. We are pleased that the South Coast Air Quality Management District (AQMD) was present to educate potential stakeholders on the impact that recently adopted Rule 1127 will soon have on dairy farms in the air basin.

As you know, the purpose of the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project is to demonstrate alternative composting technologies may meet the volatile organic compound (VOC) and ammonia emission reduction requirements of Rule 1127. Regulatory compliance for any new composting facility for the manure portion of the feedstock will need to comply with AQMD rules- specifically Rule 1127 and Rule 1133.2.

We are grateful that AQMD is working with IEUA and the Milk Producers Council (MPC) in implementing Rule 1127 and appreciate AQMD's willingness to co-sponsor the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project. We noted the section in the Rule 1127 staff report identifying the "Technical Assessment of Fabric In-Vessel Composting Operations." With this letter we are supplying AQMD with our Final Draft Implementation Plan. IEUA hereby requests your acceptance of the Implementation Plan (subject to final revisions expected to be minor) and approval by the AQMD Board of co-funding for the study implementation.

IEUA is currently approaching other potential stakeholders for support, including: the public works departments of the cities of Chino, Los Angeles, Norco and Ontario, Eastern Municipal Water District, Metropolitan Water District, the Chino Basin Watermaster, Western Municipal Water District, the Los Angeles and Orange County Sanitation Districts, and the Milk Producers Council.

We currently have funding agreements from two (2) stakeholders including IEUA and MPC and are awaiting a response from the US Department of Agricultural Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) to a \$150,000 grant request for a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant. IEUA has set up a special account under the IEUA Co-Composting Project to process all Pilot Project funding.

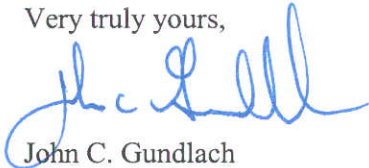
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1. Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project Stakeholder Meeting Report dated June 10, 2004; and
2. Final Implementation Plan for the Environmentally-Friendly Composting Technology Pilot Project.

Thank you again for your support and we look forward to seeing you at the next stakeholders meeting to be held on September 16, 2004 at 10 am at the IEUA headquarters. Please call me at (909) 993-1640 if you have any questions or need additional information.

Very truly yours,



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Stakeholders List (attached)