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Harold Singer
Executive Officer
California Regional Water Quality Control Board
14440 Civic Drive, Suite 200
Victorville, CA 92392

Subject: Response to Comments - Design Plan
Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility

Dear Mr. Singer:

This letter provides certain clarifications to the California Regional Water Quality Control Board, Lahontan Region (Water Board) regarding the Design Plan (Plan) for the Nursery Products Hawes Composting Facility (HCF) submitted on May 25, 2011. Specifically, this letter responds to the single outstanding Water Board concern in regard to the area between the concrete aprons, located at the base of the surface impoundment diversion berms, and the edge of the liner of the surface impoundments (letter dated September 22, 2011).

The Water Board requested notice from Nursery Products as to which of three designs previously reviewed and approved by the Water Board will be implemented at HCF. Nursery Products will proceed with the latest design but modified to eliminate the gap between the concrete apron, located at the base of the surface impoundment diversion berm, and the edge of the liner of the surface impoundments. With this modification as directed by the Water Board, Nursery Products expects no further changes or monitoring requirements. The concrete aprons will act as a spillway allowing runoff to flow directly into the surface impoundments.

By this letter, Nursery Products has fully responded to the comments of the Water Board regarding the Design Plan and is proceeding with construction.

If you have any questions, or if we can be of help in any way, please feel free to call me at 760-272-1224.

Sincerely,

Chris Seney, P.E.