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From: Immaraju, John [JohnI@amvac-chemical.com]
Sent: Friday, October 17, 2003 8:01 PM
To: Benham, Katherine
Cc: NOP, Webmaster
Subject: Status of Tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol

Dear Ms. Benham: I request that the following statement be read at the public comment period for the upcoming NOSB meeting in October, and considered as part of the public record.

I am writing to find out as to when the May 14, 2003 NOSB recommendations will proceed to the next step and be added to the National List. We have a lot of growers who have been regularly asking us as to when they can go back to using our products, Ecozin, Amazin and Ornazin on their organic farms. We have informed them that the NOSB has approved and recommended that tetrahydrofurfuryl alcohol (THFA- an EPA List-3 inert ingredient in our formulation), be added to the National List. This delay is causing extreme hardship for us- the manufacturer, as well as to enlightened growers who see the benefit of using our products.

I feel it will be of true service to the organic farming community if the listing process is speeded up. Perhaps the first anniversary of the NOP is a good time to move all the non-controversial approved materials to the National List and bring it up-to-date? Any information on this timeline will be much appreciated. Thanks for your help in this matter. Regards

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