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Dear [Redacted] Outside Scope

**BIO-ORGANICS COMPOSTING FACILITY: LICENCE NUMBER 7770/4**

I acknowledge your email dated 21 December 2005 regarding the incorporation of inert drilling mud, into the compost at the Bio-Organics Facility.

At this stage, the Department of Environment (DoE) has no objection to the use of the drilling mud in the composting process and approves a six-month trial. The DoE confirms that the processing of this material shall include:

- all liquids received are discharged directly into the green waste windrows;
- maximum air porosity in the blend is maintained to minimise odours; and
- testing of the compost that has had the drilling mud waste incorporated to ensure it meets the Australian standard for compost A4454:1999

The Department also requires that community consultation be conducted with the adjacent neighbours and interested stakeholders during this trial. A record of the type and level of community consultation should be retained on site and further extensions to incorporate this material will be dependent on the completion of community consultation.

Should the DoE or Bio-Organics employees deem odours as a result of the incorporation of the drilling mud are unacceptable then its use should immediately cease.

Please note that the above does not override any other statutory approvals that you are required to obtain, such as any approvals from the Shire of Serpentine-Jarrahdale. Transport of the waste to your facility may also require permitting under the Controlled Waste Regulations and your site designated as a disposal site. Please contact the DoE's Controlled Waste Section on 9222 7029 to confirm this.

This approval in no way constitutes any endorsement by the DoE of any compost produced using drilling mud. Any commercial implications of this practice are entirely your company's responsibility.

Please contact [Redacted] at the Mandurah Office on [Redacted] should there be a need to discuss any environmental issues in more detail.

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Yours faithfully

[Redacted Signature] Outside Scope

A/Program Manager  
Kwinana Peel Region (south)

Date: 5 January 2005



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