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FOG Compliance Director
Municipal Water Department, Utilities Division

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PREVENTION, PESTICIDES AND
TOXIC SUBSTANCES

Dear FOG Compliance Director:

I am writing at the request of Osprey Biotechnics, a company that has worked in partnership with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Design for the Environment (DfE) Program for many years. Among other responsibilities, the DfE Program evaluates and recognizes chemical- and biological-based products that perform well and contain the safest possible ingredients. In the case of microbial-based products, a manufacturer may qualify for DfE recognition—and permission to use the DfE logo—if, based on an Agency risk assessment, the microorganism poses a low concern for potential human health and environmental effects.

The DfE Program has recognized the Munox® formulation for wastewater application under a formal Partnership Agreement between DfE/EPA and Osprey Biotechnics. The agreement requires that Osprey manufacture the Munox product as described to DfE in a confidential statement of formula. Altering the formulation without prior notification to and approval by DfE is a violation of the agreement and may constitute fraud, a criminal offense.

Under the partnership, Osprey may re-label the Munox® formulation for other companies provided that the product ingredients remain identical to those in the original recognized formula. Osprey makes and packages all private label products in their end-use containers and quality controls them at their facility in Sarasota, Florida. These private label products become part of the partnership through an amendment to the partnership agreement and are listed on the DfE web site as recognized products.

Throughout the partnership, which began in 2003, Osprey has been a partner in good standing. I have only known the company to be honest, trustworthy, responsible, and a leader in its field. It holds the distinction of being DfE's first partner in the biological-based product sector. Osprey's conduct under the partnership, responsiveness to DfE requests, and oversight of logo use has been outstanding.

If you would like to know more about the partnership or DfE Program or have any follow-up questions, please feel free to call or email (202-564-8796 or difiore.david@epa.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David DiFiore".

David DiFiore
Senior Project Manager
Design for the Environment