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Mr. Ford West  
President  
The Fertilizer Institute  
820 First Street, NE, Suite 430  
Washington, DC 20002

Dear Mr. West,

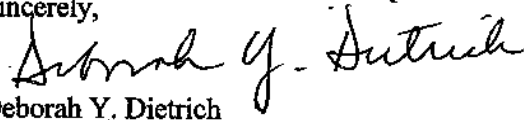
The EPA Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is pleased to have worked with The Fertilizer Institute (TFI) on its *myRMP* suite of guidance materials, which provides information about compliance with the EPA Risk Management Program. OEM appreciates TFI's decision to involve EPA in the development of these materials and their distribution to members of the public and regulated community. We reviewed the *myRMP* materials, provided comments regarding the requirements of the Risk Management Program and worked with TFI to address our comments and concerns.

While the statutory provisions and EPA regulations described in the *myRMP* materials describe legally binding requirements, the discussion and advice contained therein do not replace the legal requirements. Users of the *myRMP* materials should also recognize that their approaches for compliance may need to differ from those described in the *myRMP* materials to account for any special circumstances present at their source. OEM acknowledges that TFI has made every effort to ensure the accuracy of the discussion in these materials; however, the obligations of the regulated community are ultimately determined by statutes, regulations, or other legally binding requirements. Therefore, in the event of a conflict between the *myRMP* materials and such requirements, users should follow the legal requirements. To resolve any questions about the requirements of the Risk Management Program, users should refer to the Clean Air Act and EPA's regulations or contact a Risk Management Program implementing agency (i.e., local, State, EPA Region, or EPA Headquarters official) and may also want to consult with counsel. Persons with questions about the *myRMP* materials should contact TFI, who is the author of these materials.

The TFI *myRMP* materials provide practical advice, insights, and guidelines for clearer understanding of the Risk Management Program and its implementation, particularly as applied to

facilities in the retail ammonia fertilizer industry. OEM believes that these materials outline an approach to compliance that will be very helpful to many fertilizer facilities covered by the Risk Management Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Deborah Y. Dietrich". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, prominent initial "D".

Deborah Y. Dietrich

Director

Office of Emergency Management