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Mr. Jerry Phillips
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Dear Mr. Phillips:

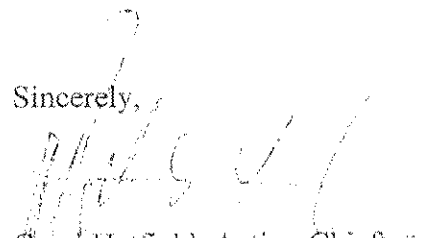
The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency applauds Organic Products Company ("Organic Products") for your environmental leadership in developing the *Histosol Series*. EPA's Design for the Environment ("DfE") program seeks to promote the use of chemical products with improved environmental and human health characteristics. The *Histosol Series* fully achieves that objective in the holding pond/tank treatment and deodorizing sector.

The key purpose of the DfE-Organic Products partnership is to recognize and encourage the environmentally preferable chemistry of the *Histosol Series*. DfE is very enthusiastic about your successful formulation of this product line and about our partnership, the first in the holding pond treatment sector. By eliminating hazardous waste treatment and deodorizing ingredients (like formaldehyde, glutaraldehyde, chlorine, and d-limonene) and harmful surfactants (like nonylphenol ethoxylates) you have demonstrated active environmental stewardship and dedication to continuous improvement.

Companies that use the *Histosol Series* to treat and deodorize holding ponds and tanks will be participants in this important national effort to protect the environment and safeguard human health. I commend Organic Products for your commitment to improving the environmental profile and performance of your products—and for leading change in the waste treatment industry. Much success with the *Histosol Series*!



Sincerely,


Carol Hetfield, Acting Chief
Design for the Environment