Jue, Tyrone

From:

Bereket, Idil

Sent:

Tuesday, January 26, 2010 10:29 AM

To:

Sierra, Natalie; Jue, Tyrone

Subject:

FW: Questions about Free Compost - related to CFS issue

Importance: High

Attachments: 9.09 CVC Metals.pdf; 9 09 CVC.pdf; 4YearSummary EU Comparison 092409.xls; CVC-

RandomCompostSamplingAnalysis 08-09.xls; BiosolidsMonitoring SFPUC.pdf; StoreBoughtCompost_092109.doc; CompostVitamin_DoseComparison.pdf;

Biosolids_RulesRegulations_August2009.doc; Response2PesticideWatch_012610.doc

I just spoke to her and she was asked by her boss to look into the CFS petition and understand where our biosolids compost is coming from, the kind of tests we are doing, *especially the compounds of concern.* She has read the stgate article and Tony's response (dated September '09) but has not read the petition.

She will be contacting CFS to get their side of the story.

This is another example of why national organizations like NACWA and WEF/CWEA should do a national statement... But, unfortunately they are not... Also unfortunately, we cannot use our statement yet either. I will alert Greg that we would like to send our statement by end of next week if CWEA does not want to sign on the letter. It's getting late.

So, now, I will send the following documents -all are attached:

- Synagro's metals test.
- how our biosolids are compared to EPA & EU standards,
- our random compost sampling analysis,
- John Gregson's 2006 presentation including the compounds of concern -Natalie: nothing new to use?
- the comparison of store-bought fertilizer and also the vitamin table,
- the biosolids rules & regulations.

Attaching a (slightly) revised version of what we have been responding with (Response2PesticideWatch_012610.doc). Pay special attention to highlighted portions and let me know if we can still use those statements. The document will not be attached, but included on email.

Please get back to me by 1pm -going to a meeting by 2pm at BERM and might not be back until 5pm...

Thanks, Idil

http://sfsewers.blogspot.com/ - Your Guide to Your Sewer Galaxy

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From: Bereket, Idil

Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2010 5:05 PM

7/9/2010

To: 'elizabeth@pesticidewatch.org'

Subject: RE: Questions about Free Compost

Hi Elizabeth,

I just left you a voicemail and wanted to follow up on your inquiry in regards to our Biosolids Composting Program.

As a first step, please visit our website www.sfsewers.org for preliminary information.

Is there any particular day/time where I can reach you to answer your questions?

Thanks, Idil

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From: Jue, Tyrone

Sent: Monday, January 18, 2010 5:59 PM

To: 'elizabeth@pesticidewatch.org'

Cc: Bereket, Idil

Subject: Re: Questions about Free Compost

Hi Elizabeth,

I am cc'ing Idil Bereket who can help answer your questions when she gets back on Tues. I'm incidentally out of the office until Thurs.

Thanks,

Ty

From: Elizabeth Martin-Craig

To: Jue, Tyrone

Sent: Mon Jan 18 15:37:26 2010

Subject: Questions about Free Compost

Dear Tyrone,

Happy MLK day. I wanted to get in touch with you to find out more about the PUC's program to distribute compost. I follow a few of the sustainability blogs and saw an article in the sf gate. I work here in SF around pesticide issues and want to get the full story on the use of this compost. Can you tell me more about the program, the testing that is involved, and if there are other examples of PUC's in California doing a similar program?

Thank you.

Best, Elizabeth

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