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To Whom It May Concern:

J.R. Simplot Company food manufacturing and distribution facilities operate under Food Safety Plans that are compliant with the FDA Food Safety Modernization Act (FSMA), specifically Current Good Manufacturing Practice, Hazard Analysis and Risk-Based Preventive Controls for Human Food (21 CFR 117). These plans are rooted in Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) Programs which are based on the guidelines set forth by the National Advisory Committee for the Microbiological Criteria for Foods, 1997. Prerequisite supporting programs include the establishment of cGMPs, SSOPs, allergen controls, and hygienic zoning. Additionally, the company is compliant with the Public Health Security and Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Act of 2002 (the Bioterrorism Act 21 CFR Part 1.326 – 1.368) and Intentional Adulteration Rule (21 CFR 121).

Every Simplot Facility is audited (minimum annually) by certified 3rd party auditors represented by Global Food Safety Initiative standards (BRC and SQF). These audits include: Food Safety, GMP, HACCP, Food Defense, Traceability, and Quality Systems criteria. These audits are scored by an industry accepted method and these scores are available to our Customers.

In addition to that mentioned above, J.R. Simplot maintains in-house microbiology laboratories at each manufacturing facility. Trained microbiology technicians verify through daily testing that both the foods and environment meet company, customer and regulatory requirements. Simplot employs a Supplier Approval Program to ensure safe and consistent supply which includes compliance with Foreign Supplier Verification regulations.

Letters of Guarantee confirming that all applicable FDA regulations (CFR) are adhered to are also provided at the customer's request.

We would be happy to answer any specific questions regarding our Food Safety Systems and commitment at J.R. Simplot or any other related food safety related subjects.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erika Blickem".

Erika Blickem
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