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Subject: Response to Technical Review
Tailings Management Areas Interim Certification Application
Verpol Plant, Florence, Vermont

Dear Ms. Cohen:

This letter responds to your April 18, 2006 letter regarding the technical review of the Interim Certification Application (Application) for the Omya Inc. (Omya) Verpol plant Tailings Management Areas in Florence, Vermont. As requested, enclosed please find our responses to the technical review comments prepared by the Solid Waste Management Program of the Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC), as well as amended (i.e., revised or additional) sections of the Application.

As noted in your letter, the process to prepare the Application has been lengthy and has resulted in a plethora of reports, correspondence, data, commentary, and other activity. However, please note that many of the documents in the project record were prepared in response to VTDEC requests. Omya has complied and will continue to comply, to the extent possible, with all informational requests from VTDEC.

We hope the VTDEC finds the enclosed technical comment response document to be thorough and complete. We are available to meet with you and your staff to discuss this submittal at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Michael Laurent', is written over a large, light-colored circular scribble or stamp.

Michael Laurent
Environmental Manager

Enclosures: Response to Technical Review Comments
Amended Application Sections