



**MESA VERDE RESOURCES**

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To: Valued Customer

**RE: Organic Certification - Humates**

I'm pleased to see that your company is going through the Organic review process on your product, which contains our humate. As you know, OMRI lists naturally-occurring mined humates on their generic materials list and humates are acceptable as organic under the USDA – NOP. In addition, our humates are registered with the California Department of Food and Agriculture as Organic Input Materials.

We have been in the business of mining humates (also known as Leonardite or Oxidized Lignite) for the past 37 years and we pride ourselves in providing consistently high-quality humates to the agricultural and environmental industries. A number of our customers have had products containing our humates certified by CCOF, Washington State or OMRI. Our humates are being extracted from the Pueblo Alto Mine, from the lower part of the Cretaceous Fruitland Formation in the San Juan Basin of New Mexico. The mine is located on private land in the North ½ of Section 15, Township 20N, Range 7W, McKinley County, NM, under New Mexico Permit MK008ME. The mining process (see attached flow chart) consists of stripping away the overburden, removing the humates by individual strata with a front-end loader and transporting to our processing plant at San Ysidro, NM.

At the processing plant, the humates are milled to a standard mill-run particle size of –1/4". From the mill-run, the material may be bagged in 1-ton mini-tote bags or 50-lb. paper bags for shipment, or further processed and then bagged. Further processing consists of pulverizing to a particle size of –50 mesh, micronizing (in the case of Microhumic) or screening to customer-specified particle size. In other words, our processing is strictly limited to changing the particle size of the humates. At no time in any of our processing or bagging are any foreign materials or chemicals introduced.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Bruce Reid', is positioned above the printed name.

Bruce Reid

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**Mesa Verde Resources – Process Flow Chart for humates (oxidized lignite)**

<b>Mining (surface mine)</b>	
1	Remove overburden (0-20 ft.) with bulldozer
2	Remove humates with front loader
3	Load into truck for transport to processing plant
<b>Milling / Processing (processing plant)</b>	
1	Crush to -1/4" particle size
2	Bag and ship OR process further (steps 3, 4 or 5 & 6)
3	<b>Screened Products:</b> Screen to various particle sizes
4	<b>Pulverized Product:</b> Pulverize to -50 mesh
5	<b>Micronized Product:</b> Micronize to 15 microns (avg.)
6	Bag and ship