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Ms. Vicki Jones, MPA, REHS
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Stanislaus County Department of Environmental Resources
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RE: ConAgra Foods, Oakdale Food Processing By-Product Reuse Application

Dear Ms. Jones:

As you know, the ConAgra Foods food processing facility in Oakdale, CA., applied for a *Stanislaus County Food Processing By-Product Use Permit* to place food processing by-products on appropriately designated farmland. Land application of the food processing by-products on local farmland as a soil amendment constitutes a beneficial reuse of this material and diverts it from the local landfill.

ConAgra Foods and our Oakdale facility also care deeply about our relationship with the local community. During this process, we've listened closely to people's concerns. We've worked side-by-side with the County's Department of Environmental Resources (DER) to answer residents' questions. All along, we've worked hard to find solutions that meet the community's needs and allow us to successfully run our business.

That is why, based on community input and additional consideration, we are amending the permit application to remove the following three parcels adjacent to the City of Oakdale, specifically those parcel numbers near Crane Road and Walnut Street.

1. 063-005-004
2. 063-006-001
3. 063-004-030

This is not an easy decision based on the needs of our business. However, in speaking with the DER, government officials and community members, we believe this decision is an act of good

faith and an indication of our commitment to the community. It's important to reiterate that we don't believe any placement of the materials on local farmland will create nuisances in the community, and that the project is completely in line with Section 9.88.010.E, Title 9, Chapter 9.88 of the Stanislaus County Health and Safety Code. This code has provisions to protect the environment, prevent nuisance conditions, and ensure ConAgra Foods' compliance with regulations and agricultural best management practices.

This project is very important to ConAgra Foods. Thank you again for your time and involvement in this process.

Sincerely,
ConAgra Foods

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Pyka". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Geoff Pyka,
Plant Environmental Engineer