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September 22, 2006

Mr. Jacek Kobiesa  
Ray Poland & Sons, LLC  
P.O. Box 6772  
525 W. Grand Ronde  
Kennewick, WA 99336

Dear Mr. Kobiesa:

Thank you for your letter to Ecology Director Jay Manning informing us of your product NovaCool UEF Fire Extinguishing Foam. Director Manning has asked that I respond to you.

Based on what you have reported in your letter to Director Manning, it appears that your product meets/exceeds EPA guidelines, and contains a mixture of anionic, nonionic and amphoteric surfactants which interact with water to help extinguish fires rather than rely on halogenated hydrocarbons or polymers that are designed to suppress the flame.

Since Ecology does not endorse or purchase fire extinguishing foam products, I am referring your letter to the following individuals and agencies:

Washington State Department of Natural Resources  
Mark Gray  
P.O. Box 47037, Olympia, WA 98504-7037  
Fire Regulation & Outdoor Burning Program Coordinator  
Phone: (360) 902-1754  
FAX: (360) 902-1757.  
E-mail: [mark.gray@wadnr.gov](mailto:mark.gray@wadnr.gov)

Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Mailing Address: PO Box 42600, Olympia WA 98504-2600  
Street Address: GA Building, 210 11th St., Olympia, WA 98504  
E-mail: [firemarsh@wsp.wa.gov](mailto:firemarsh@wsp.wa.gov)  
Standards, Accreditation, and Certification: Ms. Barbara Gagner, (360) 753-0453

Department of General Administration  
Christine Warnock  
P.O. Box 41000, Olympia, WA 98504-1000  
Purchasing & Contract Administration  
Phone: (360) 902-7417  
E-mail: [CWarnoc@ga.wa.gov](mailto:CWarnoc@ga.wa.gov)



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I encourage you to contact these agencies directly as you determine appropriate. Ecology cannot endorse or promote your products, but we are encouraged that your company is taking steps to develop flame retardants that do not rely on chlorinated, brominated or fluorinated compounds, and increase the potential of leaving persistent, bioaccumulative toxins in the environment after application.

Thank you again for your letter. If you have questions, please call me at (360) 407-6906.

Sincerely,



Carol Kraege, Industrial Section Manager  
Solid Waste & Financial Assistance Program

CC: Mark Gray, Department of Natural Resources  
Barbara Gagner, Office of the State Fire Marshal  
Christine Warnock, Department of General Administration