UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
REGION 6
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April 1, 2021

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Gene Garber
Verataur, LLC
602 Vortex Dr
New Iberia, LA 70560

Re: Notice of Potential Violation and Opportunity to Confer
Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act
Verataur, LLC

Dear Mr. Garber:

Pesticides present significant environmental and health concerns. Exposure to certain toxic pesticides may lead to injury or death, and the sale and use of incorrectly labeled or formulated pesticides pose a serious danger to human health and the environment. As a result, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulates the registration, distribution, sale, and use of pesticides pursuant to the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide, and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) and the related regulations in the Code of Federal Regulations (CFR).

On February 5, 2021, the EPA, Region 6 conducted an investigation of Verataur, LLC's facility located in New Iberia, Louisiana. The purpose of the investigation was to determine Verataur, LLC's compliance with the requirements of FIFRA. The information currently available to the EPA, collected as a result of the investigation, suggests that Verataur, LLC may be in violation of FIFRA. By this letter, the EPA is extending Verataur, LLC the opportunity to advise the Agency, via a conference call, or in writing, of any further information the EPA should consider with respect to the following potential violations of FIFRA:

- Unregistered Product – Distribution or sale of the pesticide product BioErase Wipes, which is not registered with the EPA pursuant to Section 3 of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136a, in potential violation of Section 12(a)(1)(A) of FIFRA, 7 U.S.C. § 136j(a)(1)(A).

If Verataur, LLC is interested in participating in an opportunity to confer with the Agency with respect to the above listed potential violations, please contact Lawrence Pittman, with the Office of Regional Counsel, within **14 calendar days** of receipt of this letter at pittman.lawrence@epa.gov or (214) 665-8381.

Addressing noncompliance with environmental laws is important in carrying out the EPA's mission to protect human health and the environment. At the same time, the EPA acknowledges that the COVID-

pandemic may impact Verataur, LLC. If that is the case, please contact us regarding any specific issues you need to discuss.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Lawrence Pittman, at Pittman.Lawrence@epa.gov or (214) 665-8381, or Compliance Officer, Lee McMillan, at McMillan.Lee@epa.gov or (214) 665-6404.

Sincerely,

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Margaret Osbourne, Chief
Waste Enforcement Branch

Enclosure/Attachment: Additional Sources of Information

ADDITIONAL SOURCES OF INFORMATION

- Information on Pesticides
  https://www.epa.gov/pesticides

- Information on Pesticide Labels
  https://www.epa.gov/pesticide-labels

- FIFRA Enforcement Response Policy
  https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/documents/112rcep062012.pdf

- Consolidated Rules of Practice Governing the Administrative Assessment of Civil Penalties, 40 C.F.R. Part 22
  https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2013-10/documents/final-crop-fr_1.pdf

- Small Business Fact Sheet
  www.epa.gov/compliance/small-business-resources-information-sheet