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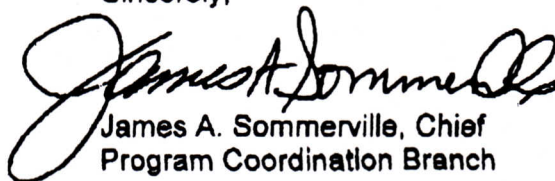
Subject: Recommendation for Approval – Silt-Saver, Inc.

Dear Mr. Dykes:

The Georgia Environmental Protection Division (EPD) has received your letter of July 16, 2007, requesting the Division's input on the Conservation Commission Board's pending action to include the subject product in the *Manual for Erosion and Sedimentation Control in Georgia*. EPD has reviewed the report prepared by the University of Georgia (UGA) testing of this product and reviewed Dr. Mark Risse, P.E., UGA Professor and Water Quality Control Coordinator, letter to you dated April 25, 2007. Based on information provided by UGA and Dr. Risse, EPD supports approval of the Belted Silt Retention Fence as an equivalent to Type C silt fence with limitations as expressed in Dr. Risse's letter, including not utilizing this product in areas of concentrated flow and requiring the designer specify a design life not to be exceeded in the field since it is a biodegradable material.

I appreciate the Commission's willingness to provide EPD an opportunity to review and comment on this product.

Sincerely,



James A. Sommerville, Chief
Program Coordination Branch