

Dear Richard,

Thank you for remembering our family. It is greatly appreciated.

Regarding the use of Techfilter, I will formally inform our Distributors of your decision. In light of what we know, we concur that not using it is in everyone's best interest and we will make that clear. I will keep you informed on how we communicate.

Thank you for working with us in such a professional and expeditious manner.

Best regards,
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Sent from mobile device

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Subject: Use of Tech Filter in WA not required

Hi Mike:

I hope your family matters work out OK.

Our staff is in agreement you don't have to use Tech Filter with Trifluralin in Washington; since you already meet the actual rule language:

WAC 246-272A-0140 - Proprietary distribution products - Certification and registration.

(4) Proprietary subsurface dripline products shall:

(a) Be warranted by the manufacturer for use with sewage and for resistance to root intrusion.

(Netafim already warrants their dripline -without use of Tech Filter - as being resistant to root intrusion due to a "mechanical barrier" in its emitters).

For now please accept this email as a statement of our policy if any local health jurisdictions require use of the Tech Filter. We won't make any changes to our guidance document until we reconvene our Technical Advisory Committee (no plans to do that into the foreseeable future due to resource issues).

We are still in discussions about future requirements that may apply to use of the chemical Trifluralin in dripline products. For example we may require manufacturers to address safety issues related to use of this chemical in the product registration process. In the meantime, in light of new information you provided it may be advisable to discontinue use of Tech Filter with your dripline, at least here in Washington. We'll certainly let you know if/when we contemplate any changes that might affect your products.

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