

# NEWS, NOTES & QUOTES



National Newsletter of the Mulch & Soil Council

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## **COUNCIL NEWS**

### **Next MSC Committee Meetings**



The next meetings of MSC committees will be held in Key West, FL, on Thursday afternoon, July 22, 2020, starting at 1:30pm. The tentative schedule of events include (times subject to change):

- 1:30pm-2:30pm MSC Certification Committee
- 3:00pm-4:00pm MSC Transportation Committee
- 4:15pm-5:00pm MSC Mulch & Soil Research Foundation

Unless otherwise announced, all meetings of the Mulch & Soil Council are open to any member in good standing; however, a committee may call an executive session on advice of counsel to discuss sensitive issues when necessary.

Participation of observers in discussions is determined by the committee chair. If you plan to attend any or all committee meetings, we would appreciate your letting the office know in order for us to allow enough seating space for everyone. To participate, contact [membership@mulchandsoilcouncil.org](mailto:membership@mulchandsoilcouncil.org).

### **July MSC Board Meeting**



The MSC Board of Directors will convene its next meeting on July 23 at 8:00am -12:00pm in Key West, FL. If any member has an issue they would like the Board to consider, please submit your topic to Executive Director Robert LaGasse no later than 5:00p.m. Central Time on July 9 at [execdir@mulchandsoilcouncil.org](mailto:execdir@mulchandsoilcouncil.org).

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### **Final Call for Honors Nominations**

Volunteers are the essential engine that powers many programs and activities of the Mulch & Soil Council. From committees to the Board of Directors, the selfless service of members combines the business and industry knowledge of many individuals into a consensus-driven body of action. In the MSC, everyone who wants to constructively participate is welcomed to join our efforts to create a rising tide that lifts all boats.

The Mulch & Soil Council is grateful for all the tremendous contributions made by volunteers every year, and we thank everyone who has taken time to share their expertise for the benefit of all members and the industry at large.

Such was the case of John Leber who was the president of Swanson Bark and Wood Products and served the Council with distinction for many years as a director and as the Secretary/Treasurer until his untimely death in an industrial accident in 2015. As a memorial to John, the Board of Directors created a special, John Leber Distinguished Service Award to recognize an individual or organization that has demonstrated an extraordinary

## Honors (Cont'd)



commitment to advancing the objectives of the Mulch & Soil Council and/ or the mulch and soil industry.

### FINAL Call For Nominations

**Eligibility:** Nominations are open to individuals or organizations who are members of the Council at the time of nomination.

**Qualifying Activities:** The award is intended for any person or organization providing exceptional service to the Mulch & Soil Council in any of the following examples or similar activities:

- **Leadership:** as a director, committee member or other program participant of the Council
- **Advocacy:** as a spokesman for the Council and/or the mulch and soil industry to the public or government.
- **Training & Education:** as a mentor sharing his or her expertise with other industry members for the improvement of the industry.

**When:** Distinguished service may be recognized for a single event/activity or for multiple years of service.

**Where:** The nominee shall reside within North America.

**Nomination & Submission:** The MSC Honors Committee shall provide vetted honors candidates to the MSC Board of Directors from nominations by its members or the MSC membership at large. A brief bio shall be included for each candidate.

**Nominations Deadline:** Awards nominations should be submitted by July 9, 2021 to [membership@mulchandsoilcouncil.org](mailto:membership@mulchandsoilcouncil.org). Please include a statement on why the person or organization is being nominated,

## Call for Election Nominations



The MSC Board of Directors is composed of 12 directors elected for 3-year terms in staggered classes; so, one-third of the Board seats expire every year. For 2021, MSC Nominating Committee reports the following director terms will expire at the Memphis Annual Meeting in September:

1. Andrew Godfrey, Kellogg Supply Inc., Ontario, CA
2. Mike Lange, Black Gold Compost Co., Oxford, FL
3. Byron Morgan, Mountain West Bark, Rexburg, ID
4. Jim Weber, Ohio Mulch, Columbus, OH

All incumbent directors will run for re-election. If there are any additional nominations or volunteers for this year's elections, please contact the MSC office before July 12. Elections will be held at the membership meeting in Memphis on September 22, 2021.

## Annual Meeting Registration Now Open

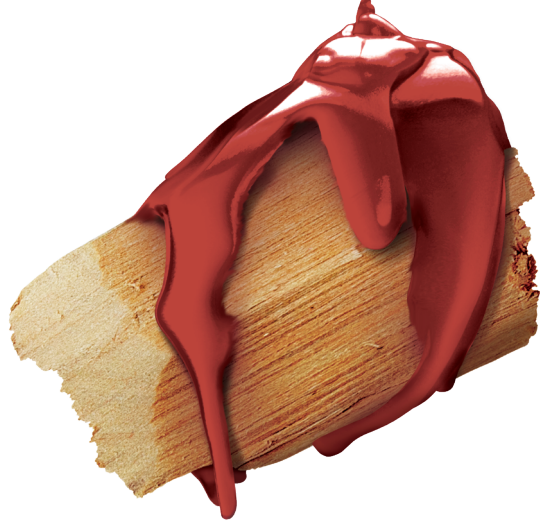


Meeting registration forms and on-line hotel registration information for the 50<sup>th</sup> MSC Annual Meeting program at the Peabody Hotel in Memphis on September 21-23, are now available on the MSC website at <https://www.mulchandsoilcouncil.org/meetings.php>

In addition to our outstanding keynote presentation topic, this year's educational agenda includes presentations on business innovation, gardening market trends, changes in consumer behavior, regulatory changes for the industry and more.

The 2021 MSC annual meeting is an in-person-only event and includes our annual evening with the industry's top product and service suppliers. For more information on the 50th MSC Annual Meeting, visit:

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## 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Annual Meeting Keynote

Our presenter for the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Mulch & Soil Council is Erica Orange. Erica is Executive Vice President & Chief Operating Officer of The Future Hunters, one of the world's leading futurist consulting firms. She analyzes emerging sociocultural, technological, economic, geopolitical and environmental trends – and identifies the strategic implications (the “So what?”) of those trends for several of the most influential Fortune 500 companies, trade associations and public sector clients. Erica’s ability to spot patterns, think critically, and translate that into actionable strategies is what has made her an asset to clients for over 15 years.

Erica frequently speaks to a wide range of global audiences about the macro trends that are shaping and impacting today’s landscape. She has spoken at TEDx and keynoted several dozen conferences around the world, including across Europe, Latin America and Asia. She has authored numerous articles and industry white papers on a variety of future-focused topics, and has been featured in news outlets including Forbes, NPR, Time, Inc, Yahoo Singapore, WWD, Bloomberg, and CBS This Morning



### Keynote Luncheon Topic:

## Silver Linings: Reimagining the Future Landscape from a Macro Perspective

Talk of an eventual “return” to the way things were is unrealistic. Instead of preserving our tried-and-true ways of doing things, we must adapt and innovate quickly, and in real time to what will be an entirely new world. Erica Orange will put these changes within a broader context and discuss several emerging trends that are shaping and impacting the future. Using macro technological, sociocultural, demographic and economic trends as a catalyst, she will talk about how the major growth areas will uncover both the short- and

## Keynote (Cont'd)

long-term opportunities of tomorrow, and how all will transform the current landscape.  
**Speaker: Erica Orange, EVP & COO, The Future Hunters.**

For more information on The Future Hunters and Erica Orange, visit: <https://thefuturehunters.com/> and <https://thefuturehunters.com/speaking-engagements/erica-orange/>

## LEGISLATIVE / REGULATORY NEWS



In 2015, the Obama Administration completed the Waters of the US rule but it never took effect because the Trump Administration shut it down with an Executive Order.

EPA rescinded the WOTUS rule and rewrote it, calling the new rule, the Navigable Rivers Rule. This amounted to a near complete reversal giving power back to state EPA and Agriculture agencies, restoring the state/federal balance.

The incoming Biden Administration began by stating that some parts of the WOTUS rule and Navigable Rivers rule would be reworked keeping a number of actions in the hands of the states.

Today, EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers announced that they will work to rescind the Navigable Rivers rule and likely go back to the Waters of the US rule which gives EPA and the Army Corps of Engineers vast powers over waters in interstate and intra-state locations. Environmental activists have tirelessly worked to get WOTUS restored.

This will touch off another titanic battle with all affected groups. There will also be numerous District Court fights with the possibility the Supreme Court could be the tie breakers. The Supreme Court has ruled on various pieces of water law in three separate cases but never on the WOTUS rule itself.

This new battle will take years because EPA once again will have to follow the Administrative Procedures Act, meaning it will seek public comment on rescinding the rule, then public comment on restating the rule, and likely drawing one or more of the ten District courts into the fight.

This is not unexpected because Obama EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy is a senior White House Advisor on climate change policy and she has been highly critical of the Trump Administrations actions on waters of the U.S.

We are at the beginning of a brand new fight that has lasted for years and promises to last for many years to come.

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## Gypsy Moth Quarantine Expanded in WI



The Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is adding Eau Claire and Richland Counties in Wisconsin to the list of quarantine areas for gypsy moth (GM). The GM populations in these counties have reached the threshold to trigger the quarantine expansion. Effective immediately, all interstate movement of GM-regulated articles (including mulch) from Eau Claire and Richland Counties must be handled in accordance with the Federal Order. Wisconsin has established a parallel state quarantine. GM is a highly destructive insect of approximately 300 species of trees and shrubs. The GM program prescribes conditions for the interstate movement of regulated articles from GM quarantine areas. The federal and state partnership limits the establishment of GM outside the quarantine area that would result from human-assisted movement of the pest. The full list of quarantine areas due to the continuing spread of GM are designated in the federal regulations located in the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) at 7 CFR 301.45-3 and the Federal Orders at:

<http://www.aphis.usda.gov/plant-health/gypsy-moth-quarantine>

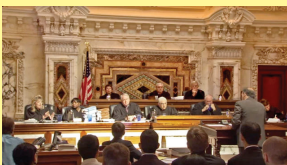
## ALB Quarantine Expands in SC



APHIS, in cooperation with the South Carolina Clemson University Department of Plant Industry, is adding 17.8 square miles of Charleston and Dorchester Counties, South Carolina, to the Asian longhorned beetle (ALB) quarantine area. APHIS is taking this action in response to the recent detection of ALB-infested trees and to include woody debris waste facilities that accept regulated host material in the municipalities of Hollywood, Ravenel, and Charleston, in Charleston and Dorchester Counties. As a result, the total quarantine area for ALB in Charleston and Dorchester Counties has expanded from 58.6 square miles to 76.4 square miles.

ALB is a destructive wood-boring pest that threatens 12 species of hardwood trees in North America. More information on ALB is available at the following website: <https://www.aphis.usda.gov/aphis/resources/pests-diseases/asian-longhorned-beetle>

## Court Lifts Stay on CA AB5 Regulation



A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals rejected a lower court's preliminary injunction that blocked the immediate implementation of California's Assembly Bill 5 law, which motor carriers have claimed would make use of independent contractors next to impossible.

The appellate panel said the district court abused its discretion by enjoining the state of California from enforcing AB 5 against motor carriers doing business in California, saying the law is a "generally applicable labor law that affects a motor carrier's relationship with its workforce and does not bind, compel or otherwise freeze into place the prices, routes or services of motor carriers, and is not pre-empted by the Federal Aviation Administration Authorization Act of 1994 (FAAAA)."

The earlier district court ruling held that CTA had standing and was likely to succeed on the merits of its claim. It therefore enjoined the state from enforcing AB 5 against any motor carrier doing business in California. The California attorney general and the International Brotherhood of Teamsters appealed the district court ruling to the 9th Circuit.

In a dissenting opinion, Judge Mark Bennett wrote that AB 5 "both affects motor carriers' relationship with their workers and significantly impacts the services motor carriers are able to provide to their customers, and it therefore is pre-empted as applied to California Trucking Association's members."

At the center of the legal dispute is that AB 5 calls for a three-pronged "ABC test" that requires motor carriers to classify their workers as employees unless the employer demonstrates that the worker is free from the control of the hiring entity; the worker performs work outside the usual course of the hiring entity's business; and that the worker is customarily engaged in an independent trade or occupation. The second part of the three-prong test is the one that many carriers say they have found next to impossible to demonstrate.



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## New EPA Guidelines on Compost

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released for public comment the proposed interim decision (PID) for aminopyralid, a pyridine herbicide used to control broadleaf weeds and woody brush in both agricultural and non-agricultural settings. The Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act (FIFRA) requires EPA to periodically review pesticides to ensure that risk assessments reflect the best available science. The PID is part of a multi-step process to identify risks as well as actions that can mitigate risks.



Based on the findings in the 2020 draft [ecological](#) risk assessment and feedback submitted during the public comment period, EPA is proposing new measures to reduce potential spray drift to protect non-target organisms. ***Additionally, the agency is proposing the following new mitigation measures to address potential residues in compost in the aminopyralid PID:***

- Prohibiting off-site composting of treated plant matter and manure from grazing animals until residues have adequately declined to reduce compost contamination;
- Requiring a clean-out period of at least three days for animals fed with treated plant materials;
- Requiring pasture and turf applicators to notify the property owners/operators of the compost prohibition, and for the applicator to keep a record of this notification for two years;
- Updating compost pictogram on pesticide labels showing users when not to compost materials; and,
- Requiring registrants to participate in a stewardship program and provide educational outreach for those affected by herbicide residues in compost.

Upon publication of the Federal Register notice, public comments will be accepted for 60 days in docket ID number [EPA-HQ-OPP-2013-0749](#) at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

After a thorough review of the science and carefully considering scientific peer review and public comments, EPA will proceed with the registration review process for aminopyralid. The next step in the FIFRA registration review process is the interim decision, which finalizes any required risk mitigation measures to reduce the ecological risks.

[Additional information on the pyridine and pyrimidine herbicides proposed and interim decisions can be found on EPA's website.](#)

## EPA Pesticide Exposure Calculator Updated

EPA has updated the [Occupational Pesticide Handler Exposure Calculator](#) and [Occupational Pesticide Post-application Exposure Calculator](#) with the latest available data and sources to provide the agency with more efficiency in completing risk assessments and ensuring transparency to the public and affected stakeholders.



EPA uses these tools to carry out risk assessments to make informed decisions when approving new pesticides, new uses of registered pesticides, and during regular reviews of existing pesticides. The updated exposure values are more reflective of actual exposures to occupational pesticide handlers and post-application scenarios, which reduces uncertainty in decisions and serves as the basis for labeling decisions.

The calculators also help state and local governments, pesticide manufacturers, academics, and others evaluate the potential for health effects to a person who might be exposed to pesticides as part of their work. They provide exposure information for risk assessments based on exposure scenarios, exposure routes, and applicable personal protective equipment. The occupational post-application calculator is updated to reflect contemporary agricultural practices and clarify crop-specific activities.



## It's Not Just You, There Is a Pallet Shortage

## INDUSTRY NEWS

Since the start of the mulch & soil season, a worldwide shortage of pallets threatens to put a crimp in the flow of industry goods. Prices have doubled in the past year, and makers can't keep up with demand. Some describe the situation as a perfect storm. As we entered the pandemic:

- Sawmills slowed production reducing wood supplies,
- Government regulations idled a significant part of the workforce,
- 3,100 trucking companies went out of business idling over 50,000 trucks,
- CDL school closures cut off the supply of new drivers,
- Trucking industry was already short over 80,000 drivers,
- Korean nail factories slowed production,



As we emerge from the pandemic, we see double-digit surges in consumer and industrial demand, BUT...

- Sawmills and pallet plants are not fully staffed as jobs go vacant due to Federal unemployment subsidies
  - Wood demand is increasingly much greater than supply,
  - Truck drivers have not returned to work, also due to government subsidies,
  - Korean nail production is still months behind,
  - Consumer online purchasing remains high, placing more demand on shipping,
- Pallets that cost \$12 - \$14 last year are now costing \$25 - \$28. Lumber that cost \$375/1k board feet in June 2020 set a record high on May 4, 2021, at over \$1,650/ 1k board feet, an increase of over 340% in less than a year.

According to the National Wood Pallet and Container Association, pallets are used by 93% of all companies that handle materials. As the demand for products continues to surge, the supply chain remains challenged to get back to pre-pandemic supply and distribution levels, and pallets are expected to remain in short supply for the remainder of the 2021 lawn & garden season.

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## CSPMA Welcomes New President



The Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association (CSPMA) has announced the hiring of a new president, Ms. Asha Hingorani. Asha is taking over from Mr. Paul Short, who will be progressively retiring after leading the association for almost 14 years.

In her former career, Asha held the position of Director of Government and Public Affairs with Wine Growers Canada. As a former journalist, she also teaches Scientific Communication in Regulatory Affairs at Algonquin College in Ottawa. She brings a background in communications, policy development and governmental relations at the political and bureaucratic level. Her international experience and association management skills are additional strengths that will help advance and guide the needs of the Canadian horticultural peat industry.



*New CSPMA President Asha Hingorani*

For a transitional period extending until March 2022, Mr. Short will act as an Advisor Former President for the CSPMA. He will also be sharing his knowledge of the industry, specifically relating to international issues and the government relations linked to the horticultural peat industry with the new president.

As a truly pan-Canadian association, the CSPMA team will now be present in four locations: Ms. Asha Hingorani (President) in Ottawa (ON), Ms. Doris Reeve (Executive Assistant) in Edmonton (AB), Ms. Stéphanie Boudreau (Science Coordinator) in Rivière-du-Loup (QC) and Ms. Marie-Claire LeBlanc (Project and Communication Manager) in Québec (QC).

For more information, please contact Marie-Claire LeBlanc: Project and Communication Manager at [mcleblanc@peatmoss.com](mailto:mcleblanc@peatmoss.com) ([www.peatmoss.com](http://www.peatmoss.com))

The Canadian Sphagnum Peat Moss Association (CSPMA) is an association of horticultural peat moss producers and related enterprises devoted to promoting the sustainable management of the industry and the responsible management of Canadian peatlands. It provides support and advocacy for its members through leadership in environmental stewardship, as well as societal and economic wellbeing related to the use of Canadian peatland resources.

## More Competition for AR Wood Fiber



Drax Group, one of the world's largest biomass production and supply companies, will begin constructing the first of three new "satellite" pellet plants in Arkansas, the company announced.

The three plants are together expected to produce around 120,000 metric tons of biomass pellets a year from sawmill residues, supporting the renewable energy company's plans to increase self-supply to its power station in the U.K.

Drax will begin construction of the first plant later this month near a West Fraser sawmill in Leola, Grant County – with commissioning expected in October. The company will begin construction on two more plants in other locations in the coming months. In total, Drax will invest \$40 million in the state, creating approximately 30 new direct jobs and many more indirect jobs across three Arkansas communities.

Drax has transformed its power station in the U.K. to become the largest decarbonization project in Europe by converting it to use sustainable biomass instead of coal. The development of the "satellite" pellet plants is part of Drax's strategy to increase biomass self-supply to five million tons by 2027, improving supply chain resilience while reducing pellet costs.

The Leola "satellite" pellet plant is expected to produce around 40,000 metric tons of sustainable biomass pellets a year. Drax will also utilize the sawdust and other dry residual materials, which are by-products created when timber is processed, at West Fraser's facility.

Drax owns and has interests in 17 other pellet plants and development projects across the U.S. and South and Western Canada.

## New MS Pellet Mills



Enviva announced plans to develop a new wood pellet plant in Bond, Mississippi, that could have the capacity to produce more than 1 million metric tons per year. The company said its sponsor has advanced a site it controls in Bond, Mississippi, to the next phase of the development process. The plant is expected to be designed to produce between 750,000 and more than 1 million metric tons per year of wood pellets. Given its close proximity to the Port of Pascagoula, Enviva said production from the Bond plant would be delivered to the Pascagoula terminal by truck for export to customers around the world.

Enviva reported that construction of its 750,000 metric ton per year plant in Lucedale, Mississippi, continues, with completion expected in mid-2021. That plant is currently designed and permitted with an embedded expansion project that, if executed, would increase its production capacity from 750,000 metric tons per year to 1.1 million metric tons per year.

Construction is also ongoing at Enviva's deep-water marine terminal in Pascagoula, Mississippi, which will have a throughput capacity of more than 3 million metric tons per year. Construction of that project is also expected to be complete in mid-2021.

## MEMBER NEWS

### United Mulch & Soil Co Acquires California Facility



United Mulch & Soil Company announced the purchase of their new mulch and soil production facility. The site is now open for business in Orland, CA. The newly formed Company is a joint venture between Swanson Bark & Wood Products (Longview, WA) and Mountain West Products (Rexburg, ID). Swanson and Mountain West are the predominant landscape product manufacturers in the Pacific Northwest.

"By combining our massive synergies and strong customer relationships, we look forward to not only strengthening our current capabilities but also staging a quick expansion into California and the southwest United States," says Byron Morgan, Mountain West's General Manager and an owner at United Mulch & Soil.

The new company will be manufacturing bagged products on high speed automated equipment, as well as a variety of bulk mulches and soils. United's products are marketed to the home improvement channel, mass merchants and independent lawn and garden outlets. The site is adjacent to I-5 and has plenty of shipping capacity. It's location, combined with a strong, consistent flow of raw materials, will combine to quickly establish United Mulch & Soil Company as a dominant player in the region. The Orland site is the first of several planned facilities to be opened under the new partnership.

"Using our considerable industry knowledge and expertise, United Mulch and Soil Company will introduce new and unique regionally branded products to better serve the California and Southwestern markets", says Steve Liffers, Swanson's Co-President, and an owner of United Mulch & Soil.

### Introducing Selene North America



Although a new member to the Mulch & Soil Council, Selene North America has been a manufacturer of flexible packaging products in Italy for more than 60 years. The company specializes in Hooder film (Stretch hood rolls), FFS film (C-fold and tubular rolls), poly valve bags, poly open mouth bags and laminated films (LDPE/LDPE and LDPE/AL/LDPE).

The advantages of Selene hooder film for mulch, compost, peat, topsoil and similar products include:

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## Mulch

Scotts Nature Scapes Advanced Color Enhanced Mulch - Classic Black  
Scotts Nature Scapes Advanced Color Enhanced Mulch - Deep Forest Brown

## Landscape Soils

Miracle-Gro All Purpose In Ground Soil 0.09-0.05-0.07  
Miracle-Gro Garden Soil Flowers & Vegetables 0.09-0.05-0.07  
Miracle-Gro Garden Soil Roses 0.10-0.09-0.07  
Miracle-Gro Garden Soil Vegetables & Herbs 0.09-0.05-0.07  
Miracle-Gro Garden Soil, Trees & Shrubs 0.09-0.05-0.07  
Miracle-Gro Organic Choice Garden Soil 0.10-0.05-0.10  
Miracle-Gro Performance Organics All Purpose In Ground Soil 0.13-0.02-0.02  
Nature's Care Organic Garden Soil 0.04-0.03-0.04  
Nature's Care Really Good Compost

## Premium Soils

Miracle-Gro African Violet Potting Mix 0.21-0.11-0.16  
Miracle-Gro Cactus, Palm & Citrus Potting Mix 0.06-0.02-0.04  
Miracle-Gro Cactus, Palm & Citrus Soil 0.13-0.03-0.07  
Miracle-Gro Indoor Potting Mix 0.25-0.13-0.19  
Miracle-Gro Moisture Control Potting Mix 0.21-0.11-0.16  
Miracle-Gro Organic Choice Moisture Control Potting Mix with Compost 0.18-0.10-0.12  
Miracle-Gro Organic Choice Potting Mix 0.10-0.05-0.05  
Miracle-Gro Performance Organics All Purpose Container Mix 0.19-0.03-0.03  
Miracle-Gro Potting Mix 0.21-0.11-0.16  
Miracle-Gro Seed Starter Potting Mix 0.07-0.05-0.07  
Nature's Care Organic Incredible Expanding Planting Mix 0.29-0.19-0.29  
Nature's Care Organic Potting Mix 0.06-0.04-0.06  
Nature's Care Organic Raised Bed Mix 0.06-0.04-0.06  
Miracle-Gro Houseplant Potting Mix 0.22-0.09-0.18  
Miracle-Gro Succulent Potting Mix 0.11-0.05-0.08

## Specialty Soil

Miracle-Gro Lawn Products,

Miracle-Gro Seed Starting Potting Mix 0.03-0.03-0.03

## Certification Audits on the West Coast

While it is the responsibility of product producers to maintain compliance with industry standards for certified products, the MSC Certification Audit Team continues to conduct field audits for random compliance sampling. In May, the team ventured to the west coast for a 5-day, 1,300 mile tour of retail and manufacturing facilities.

**The Council extends its thanks to all the company representatives and retail employees who help the team gather samples around the region.**



