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**TITLE 355 STATE CHEMIST OF THE STATE  
OF INDIANA**

August 15, 2001

George Angelone  
Legislative Services Agency  
Suite 301  
200 West Washington  
Indianapolis, IN 46204  
RE: IC 25-31.5-3-3b, 4a

Dear Mr Angelone:

The General Assembly passed a bill during the past session resulting in establishment of IC 25-31.4, Professional Soil Scientist, effective July 1, 2001. Among other things, this law requires appointment of a Board of Registry for Soil Scientists to administer the law. Appointments are to be made by the Governor. Our office, Office of Indiana State Chemist, is to be contracted with by the Board for administrative and clerical support.

While recommendations have been submitted for individuals to serve on the Board, the difficult task of appointing a Board is likely to exceed the 60 days for initiation of rule making after the effective date of IC 25-31.4 (IC 4-22-2-19(c)(1)). Thus, this letter is respectfully submitted in response to IC 4-22-2-19(c)(2).

Sincerely,

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Indiana State Chemist  
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