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The Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service of the Office of the Texas State Chemist recognizes that agricultural inputs for animal and crop production are deemed as essential services and are vital to public health and welfare by the United States Federal Emergency Management Agency. This includes products and services regulated by the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service of the Office of the Texas State Chemist. We are committed to serving the public by helping ensure agricultural inputs are available through a safe, reliable, and consistent market chain and as well as the transporters that deliver these inputs which are all part of an essential service and critical infrastructure in Texas.

The above statements align with Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-21 Food and Agriculture; Critical Infrastructure Security – Cybersecurity and infrastructure Security Agency (CISA); and Emergencies Services Function ESF-11 Agriculture and Natural Resources Annex in the Texas Governor's Emergency Response Plan..

As State Chemist and Director, I recognize that it is imperative that agricultural inputs, outputs, and services move freely within the state and we are committed to helping keep the market chain open to serve the public.

Please feel free to contact our agency with questions and concerns at the numbers below.

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