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Commissioner Mike Strain DVM
Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry
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Dear Dr. Strain:

This letter is in reference to the newly EPA-registered Kaput® Feral Hog Bait (EPA FIFRA # 72500-26).

The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) requests that the registration of this product by the LDAF Pesticide and Environmental Program Division be postponed until the safety Kaput® Feral Hog Bait can be further researched.

LDWF has serious concerns regarding Kaput® Feral Hog Bait including the potential for bioaccumulation, significant non-target wildlife mortality, and safety for hunters and trappers consuming the meat from feral hogs which have ingested the toxicant. This product could even taint the animals currently slaughtered under LDAF's Control the Feral Pork Program.

Most farmers, landowners, and our respective agencies would agree that a feral hog toxicant would be a very useful tool for controlling feral hog damage to crops and landscapes. Sodium nitrite is currently undergoing review by EPA and is a much safer alternative to the warfarin-based Kaput® Feral Hog Bait due to minimal bioaccumulation and almost no danger of intoxication of people consuming feral pork from poisoned animals.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Jack

A handwritten signature in red ink that reads "Jack Montoucet".

Jack Montoucet

Secretary

Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries