



Mulch & Soil Council Approves New Recommendations

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The Mulch and Soil Council Board of Directors recently approved a series of new recommendations, prepared by the Council's Colorant Subcommittee, that address the toxicological testing of colorants and safety/training guidelines for companies that produce colorant products.

Although the Board fell short of adopting the recommendations as a requirement (i.e. a standard), their overwhelming endorsement is viewed as a positive outcome by members of the Subcommittee. Currently, Colorbiotics is the only company in the world that meets or exceeds all of the new recommendations for color safety as defined by the Council.

"We can be very proud that we are the only mulch colorant supplier already meeting or exceeding these newly adopted recommendations," said Colorbiotics Chief Operating Officer, Brent Lester. "It is a reflection of our commitment to quality and the deep concern that we have for the safety of all our employees. Although the new recommendations reinforce our reputation as the industry leader, it's not as much about recognition as it is simply the right thing to do."

Larry Oien, Colorbiotics Research and Development Manager, served on the committee and was instrumental in preparing the recommendations and leading the initiative that resulted in securing the Board's vote of approval.

The conclusions and recommendations were:

1. That products used to color mulch should undergo six-pack toxicological testing;
2. That all applications for colored mulch should provide the name and manufacturer of the colorant used as well as the full MSDS to the MSC Certification Director;
3. That all companies using mulch colorants undergo workplace training from their colorant suppliers. This includes worker exposure and emergency spill procedures. All companies should have documented emergency processes and contact numbers readily available to employees.

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