

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Region 4
1150 North Westcott Rd., Schenectady, New York 12306**

Sent by FAX

October 11, 1994

Mr. Steven Greenwald
Gaia Enterprises, Inc.

Re: Safe Thaw (Safe Paw)

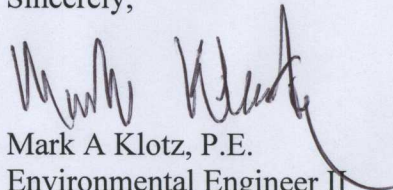
Dear Mr. Greenwald:

Thank you for providing me the detailed chemical composition of the de-icing compound Safe Thaw (Safe Paw).

The use of Safe Thaw was proposed within an Environmental Impact Statement for an industrial project. This Department received public comments on the project that expressed concerns over the potential effects of Safe Thaw on local water quality. Therefore, it was necessary for DEC to evaluate the potential effects of Safe Thaw on the environment.

Based on the chemical composition and the statement by the independent laboratory that there would be no health or safety problems associated with proper usage, it is my finding that proper usage of Safe Thaw should result in no significant effects on local water quality.

Sincerely,



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Environmental Engineer II
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