October 16, 2023

Michael J. Latham Director Division of Land and Water Resources NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets

RE: AML § 305-a(1) Review Concerning the Town of Thurston Local Law # 3, Sewage Sludge Disposal and its Application to Leo Dickson & Sons, Inc. ("LDS") Steuben County Agricultural District No. 2

Dear Mr. Latham:

I write in response to your October 3, 2023 letter concerning the Department of Agriculture and Market's review of the Town of Thurston's proposed Local Law #3 for compliance with Agriculture and Markets Law § 305-a.

Based on the documents provided to me by the Department, I understand that your review involves at least the first few pages of a version of the proposed Local Law dating from August 16, 2023. The Town of Thurston has abandoned this version of the proposed Local Law, and as a result, this version of the proposed Local Law will not go into effect. For this reason, we do not intend to submit additional evidence in support of this version of the proposed Local Law to the Department by November 2, 2023, as your letter requested, and we assume that the Department will end its review of this abandoned version of the proposed Local Law. If this assumption is incorrect, please let me know by October 23, 2023.

Very truly yours,

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Supervisor Town of Thurston