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Thank you for your interest in obtaining a license for your product for use as an Oil Spill Cleanup Agent (OSCA) in the State of California. On January 1, 1996, the primary authority for licensing OSCAs was transferred from the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) to the Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR) pursuant to Government Code Section 8670.13.1.

There were some important changes to the licensing process. First, Government Code Section 8670.13.1(b) states that sorbents and other cleanup devices that do not employ the use of active chemical cleanup agents, or are otherwise determined by the Administrator not to cause aquatic toxicity for purposes of oil spill response, are not subject to the licensing provisions. You may apply for an exemption from licensing if you believe your product falls into this category. Second, bioremediants that are currently listed on the National Contingency Plan (NCP) do not require additional testing to obtain a license for use in California. Third, a simplified application form is used for products requiring a California license.

All the information and forms you will need to apply for a license, a renewal of an existing license, or a license exemption can be found in this guidance document. If you have any questions regarding the information contained in this letter or the attached document, you may contact Ms. Ellen Faurot-Daniels, of our Response Technologies Support Unit, at (831) 649-2888 or [efaurotd@ospr.dfg.ca.gov](mailto:efaurotd@ospr.dfg.ca.gov).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Stephen L. Edinger".

Mr. Stephen Edinger  
Administrator  
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