AAPFCO Update

For the past two years, HPTA has been working on the official AAPFCO standard test for humic acid and fulvic acid. The analysis developed jointly by the HPTA and IHSS is expected to be finalized at the AAPFCO Fall Meeting in Washington, D.C. The analytical procedure developed jointly by the HPTA and IHSS is recognized as the analytical method for humic substances. The procedure is intended to distinguish between humic acids and fulvic acids, and to define a specific category of fulvic acids. The procedure is designed to be used on materials that fall into that definition.

The seal will also indicate to consumers that the HPTA standardized test for humic acid and fulvic acid has been used on a product. Consumers can buy products bearing the HPTA certification mark with confidence knowing the products is held to a higher standard of analysis and is free of adulterants.

We also want to take this opportunity to thank Craig Dick Monty’s products, and represents Monty’s at a variety of events, including the annual meeting. He oversees state registrations and reporting for Monty’s products. He is currently being reviewed by the International Organization for Standardization and is expected to be approved in the near future.

Did you know the HPTA membership directory is the official publication in 2014. The directory is a resource for HPTA members and guests. It includes information on HPTA members, officers, and board members of the organization.

Analytical Method Update — States Revise Humic Acid Regulation

As we enter into the new year, the AAPFCO official terms for humic acid and fulvic acid are expected to be finalized. The AAPFCO terms will be revised to include new definitions for humic acids and fulvic acids.

The new definitions are based on the analytical procedure developed jointly by the HPTA and IHSS. The procedure is intended to distinguish between humic acids and fulvic acids, and to define a specific category of fulvic acids. The procedure is designed to be used on materials that fall into that definition.

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HPTA Test Method Certification Mark

The HPTA has established a test method certification mark for members who use the official AAPFCO standard test for humic acid and fulvic acid. The test method is used on materials that fall into that definition.

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HPTA Annual Meetings held in conjunction with ARA Conference

The HPTA Annual Meetings held in conjunction with ARA Conference took place in New Orleans on December 2, 2014. The meetings were well attended and featured presentations on a variety of topics related to humic substances.

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HPTA members can find past Annual Meeting presentation materials in the Members Only section of the website.