## **United States Department of Agriculture**



Natural Resources Conservation Service P.O. Box 2890 Washington, D.C. 20013

Mr. Earl Dotson President/CEO Validus Services, Inc. Post Office Box 14586 Des Moines, Iowa 50306

Dear Mr. Dotson:

We are pleased to inform you that our cooperative partnership regarding training and certification of Technical Service Providers (TSPs) in the Conservation Planning, Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage, Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) Plan Approval, CNMP Land Treatment, CNMP Manure and Wastewater Handling and Storage, CNMP Feed Management, CNMP Nutrient Management, CNMP Total Plan, and Nutrient Management Organic and Inorganic area over the past five years has proven very productive. Rather than continuing the memorandum of understanding process to sustain our partnership, we are solidifying our desire to continue our work via this letter.

Our national TSP Certification Process recognizes Validus as a Recommending Organization for these technical service categories. If something changes in your ability to continue to offer this training and certification, please advise us. Otherwise, this letter serves to document our cooperative partnership that offers mutual benefit to both our organizations.

We will continue to interact with you as the Validus Technical contact for all matters related to training and certification. Likewise, contact my staff or me regarding TSP certification matters. I look forward to our continued partnership. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at (202) 720-6731.

Sincerely,

ANGEL FIGUEROA National TSP Team Leader

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