

MORTON SALT

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To: Interested Parties
From: Eric Shirk – Director of Quality, Morton International
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Re: Clarification - Water System Alert – The End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas – Morton Salt Pellets

This memo is issued to clarify an alert that was issued by The End Stage Renal Disease Network of Texas on July 3, 2008 regarding a perceived issue with Morton Salt Pellets used for water conditioning. Morton wishes to clarify the nature of the issue where a small amount of pellets from one lot was discovered to have some pellets containing a Food Grade additive, Yellow Prussiate of Soda (YPS).

YPS is a Food Grade additive commonly used in Food Grade salt as an anti-caking additive. In this case, YPS was detected at a level of 2.5 ppm in a very small amount of pellets. Morton studies have shown that >99.9% of the salt solution used to regenerate a water softener is flushed from the softener during the rinse cycle. Therefore, we do not believe that any potential material in the salt would be present in water passed through the resin bed used to remove water hardness.

In addition, if a reverse osmosis (RO) unit is used to purify water, data shows that a RO unit will remove 98 – 99% of any YPS left leaving only 0.05 ppb in solution.

For this reason, we do not believe that there is any potential health hazard associated with the presence of YPS in water softener salt. The Morton pellet product is not being recalled and is safe for use.

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