



United States Department of Agriculture

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Rebecca Shearer  
Mine Safety Appliances Company  
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Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Dear Rebecca Shearer,

On behalf of the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA's) BioPreferred® program, I am pleased to inform you that your application for use of the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label for V-Gard(R) GREEN Protective Helmet Shell - White has been approved as of April 11, 2014. The test result for V-Gard(R) GREEN Protective Helmet Shell - White indicates that its biobased content is 95%. According to your application, you may now use the Label on the products within V-Gard(R) GREEN Protective Helmet Shell - White, listed below:

- \* V-Gard(R) GREEN Protective Helmet Shell - White
- \* V-Gard(R) GREEN Protective Helmet Shells
- \* V-Gard Green Protective Helmet Shell (Hat)

The Label remains in effect as long as the products or packages are manufactured and marketed in accordance with the approved application and requirements in the US Code of Federal Regulations Title 7§3202 Voluntary Labeling Program for Biobased Products unless one of the following conditions occurs:

1. Product or package reformulation: The product or package formulation of the certified product is changed such that the biobased content is reduced to a level below that reported in the approved application. When products have been reformulated, a new application for certification must be submitted in order to resume using the USDA Certified Biobased Product Label; and/or,
2. New minimum biobased content: USDA revises the minimum biobased content required for a product or package to be eligible to display the certification mark and the product or package does not meet the revised minimum. USDA will inform you that your certification is no longer valid. In this case, you must increase the biobased content of your product to be at or above the revised minimum and re-apply for certification within 60 days in order to continue to use the certification mark.

Please note that all certifications are subject to USDA's periodic auditing activities. You must read the BioPreferred [Brand Guidelines and Graphic Standards](#) document prior to [downloading label artwork](#) (eAuthentication login is required).

This email is your official notice of biobased product certification. Please print and save this email should you need to provide certification documentation to any entity.

The BioPreferred program looks forward to a long and successful partnership with you in the promotion of biobased products. If you have additional questions or would like further information, you may call the BioPreferred Program Information Line at (919) 765-9969 or email us at [BioPreferred\\_Support@amecfw.com](mailto:BioPreferred_Support@amecfw.com).

Sincerely,  
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