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Dear Shareholder,

We regret to inform you that the Climate Smart VersaLime program has been temporarily suspended due to a Presidential executive order halting project reimbursement. At this time, we do not have information on if or when the project will resume.

Despite the suspension, payments will still be processed for approved fields that have yet to receive funds from the 2024 season. We plan to have those payments mailed in the next few weeks.

Growers who want to spread lime in 2025 still can. The process requires two forms: the Lime Removal Agreement, which allows access to lime landfills and is filled out once annually, and a Site Checklist for each field.

There are two options for Site Checklists. Both will require landowner signatures (if needed) and map of the field area intended to be spread. The first is the Non-Shareholder VersaLime form available on the public VersaLime webpage. This method has no affiliation with Climate Smart, can be used by all customers including shareholders, and has been available for several years.

The second method is the Climate Smart VersaLime Site Checklist on the Climate Smart VersaLime – Members Only webpage. This method is the same as the 2024 Climate Smart Site Checklist and will collect the same data for each site including soil test, FSA farm, tract, and field numbers. The advantage to this method is if the Climate Smart program resumes in 2025, you will not need to resubmit another Site Checklist for the same field to receive payment. Rather, you would only need to complete the Climate Smart grower agreement and field verification forms to become eligible.

Keep in mind filling out the Climate Smart Site Checklist in 2025 does not guarantee payment. Rather, it potentially reduces additional form submissions should the program resume in 2025.

We will keep you informed of any updates through the public VersaLime and Climate Smart VersaLime webpages in Crystalsugar.com as new information becomes available.

Thank you for your understanding and continued support.

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