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Dear Dr. Kournikakis,

Many thanks for calling me back and for taking the trouble to track down the provenance of the *B. globigii* simulant used in the interesting and valuable work you did in 2001 and reported in DRES TR-2001-048.

I enclose an article from the November 28, 2003 issue of Science which incorrectly equates the *B. globigii* simulant used in your 2001 work with a product made by the Chris-Hansen company in Denmark in 1996 and treated after spray-drying with "Sipernat D 13", a commercial fine-particle silica preparation made by Degussa. (The Sipernats, including D 13, are marketed as anti-foam agents.)

Thanks also for giving me permission to share the information about the origin of the *globigii* simulant with others: that the simulant used in the work at DRES in 2001 was from a batch donated by Dugway that was already at DRES when you started working there in 1985 and that it may have been made years before that, possibly in the 1960's. This is also what I recall you thought was the case when I spoke with you sometime a year or so ago.

Sincerely,