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Dear George:

Elmer and I want to apologize about your letter of January 14. We apparently never received it. I checked with our East St. Louis plant which manufactures the Therminol fluids and uses them in several units. We use a canvas polyvinyl chloride resin coated glove and all the Therminol using departments as well as the production department feel that this glove is adequate. Most of the operations in these areas are done with ordinary cotton work gloves. The PVC coated covered gloves noted above are what we call our general plant protective gloves. These gloves are periodically laundered and redipped by a glove company. We use thousands of pairs of gloves at this plant. We cannot see why neoprene covered gloves would not also suffice.

In general our experience with gloves and their useful life have to do with the amount of general solvents handled with the gloves. Hot Therminol is a good solvent and would probably shorten the useful life of any kind of protective glove.

Again, I am sorry about your letter of January 14.

Sincerely,

Jack T. Garrett
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