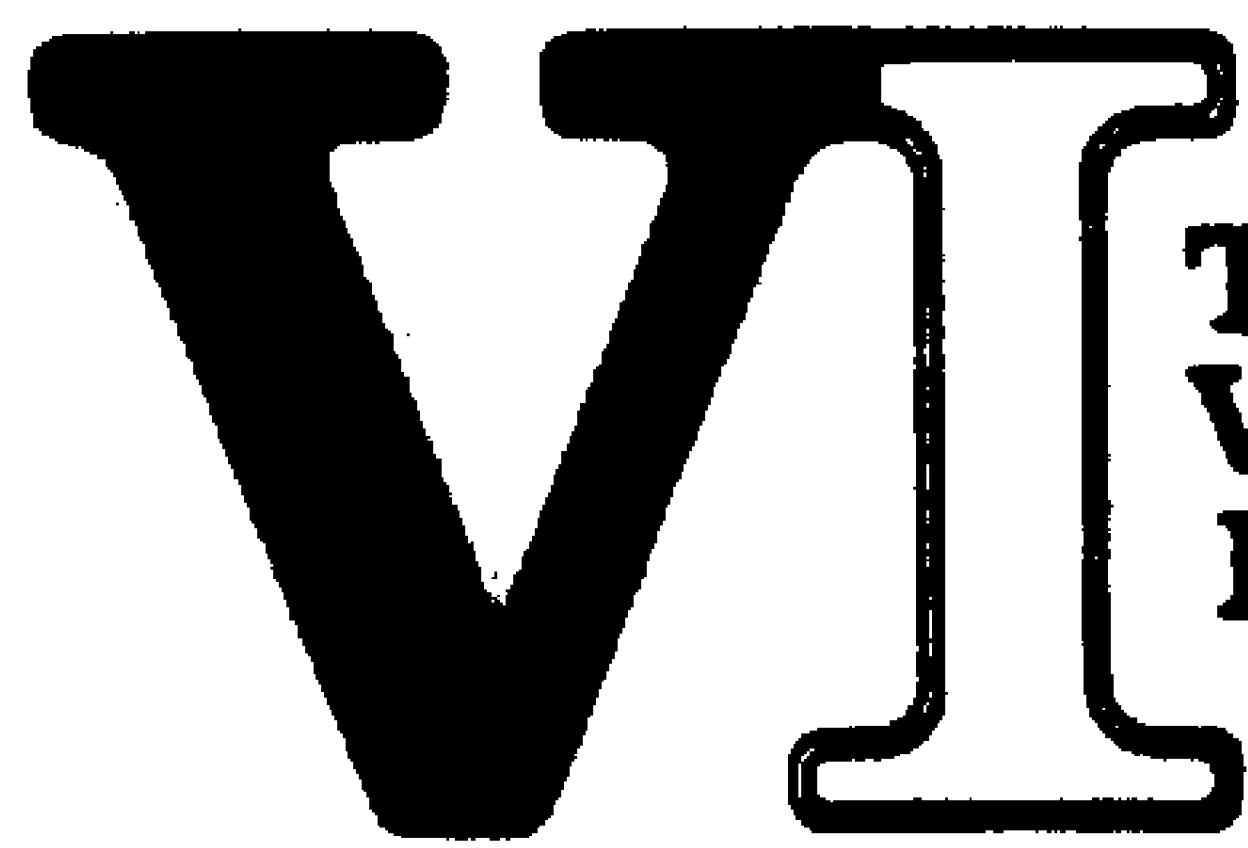




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FROM: Roy T. Gottesman

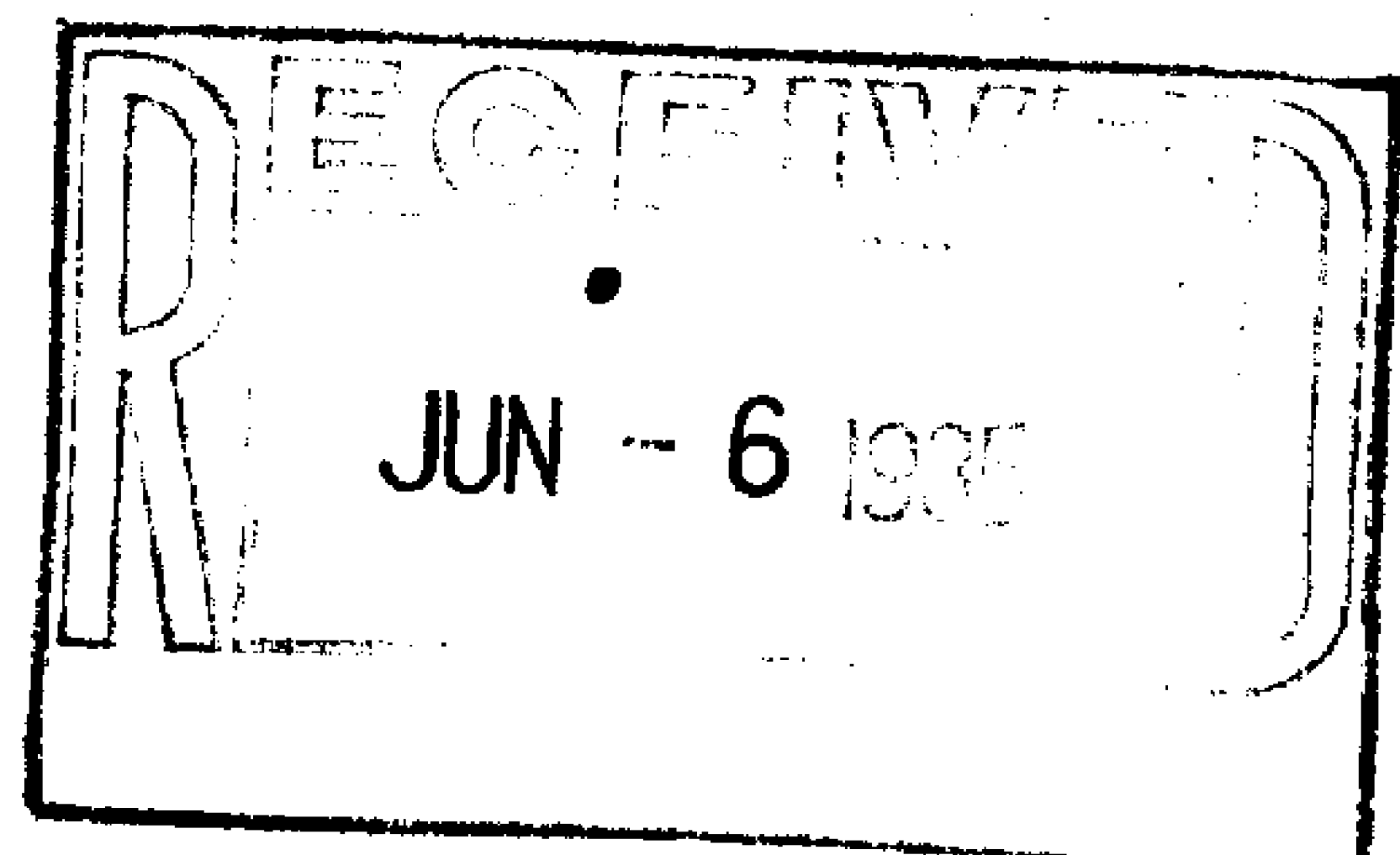
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I believe you will find the enclosed letter from the Vinyl Institute's General Counsel, Jerome Heckman, of interest.

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Re: NSF Standard for PVC Pipe

Dear Roy:

The purpose of this letter is to provide you with an abbreviated synopsis of my discussions with Nina McClelland of the National Sanitation Foundation (NSF) concerning the rumor reported at the recent Vinyl Institute meeting that NSF might be moving to reduce the permissible residual vinyl chloride monomer (RVCM) level in polyvinyl chloride (PVC) potable water pipe from 10 parts per million (ppm) under current NSF standard 14 to 2 parts per billion (ppb).

What is actually happening here flows from the general knowledge I think we have all had for quite some time that, in the near future, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is expected to issue a regulation under the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) limiting the amount of vinyl chloride in water to 1 ppb, just as other "contaminants" will be so limited. In anticipation of this EPA regulation, NSF is trying to establish, if possible, the relationship between the RVCM level in pipe walls and the amount of vinyl chloride monomer that might be expected to migrate into water. When the current 10 ppm standard was set, it was based on finding no detectable VCM migrating into water with a test sensitive to 50 ppb. NSF is now trying to determine what vinyl chloride monomer, if any, might be detected in water using a more sensitive analytical method than one geared to 50 ppb. The results of this test could be combined with other tests using pipes with lower RVCM levels. With this information, NSF feels it would be in a better position to respond to any anticipated EPA action.

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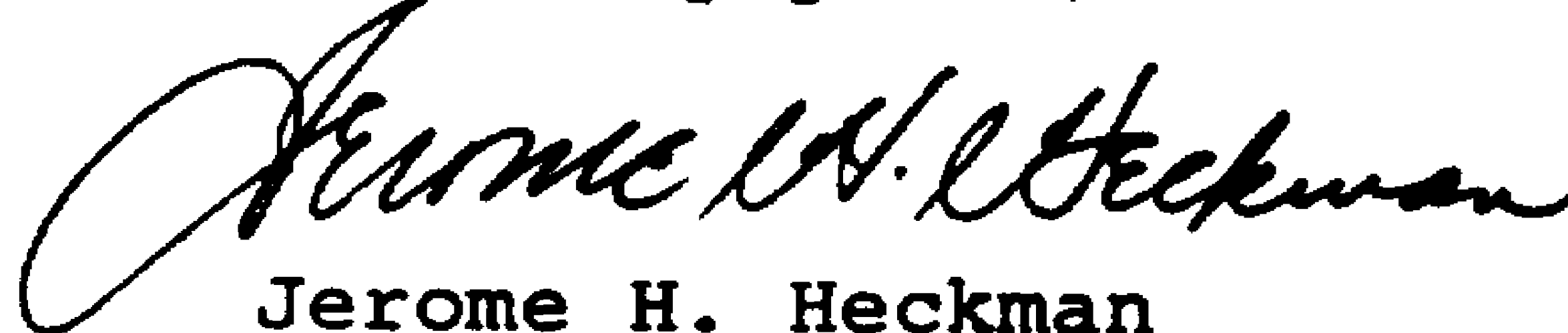
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The suggestion that NSF is moving towards a 2 ppb RVCM limit in pipe is simply incorrect. Apparently, a comment was made that the revised standard would be somewhere between 10 ppm and 2 ppb. This was only meant to highlight the two ends of the spectrum but in no way reflected an NSF decision or predilection to move to the lower detection limit.

I trust that this will adequately summarize a significant part of my telephone report to you. If you have any comments or questions, or if I can be of any further assistance pending our giving you a more complete report on the relationship between this situation and some new developments in the "water additives" area that we want you to know about, please let me know.

Cordially yours,



Jerome H. Heckman

cc: Don Goodman