



State of Louisiana

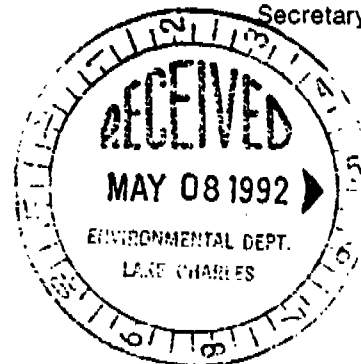
Department of Environmental Quality



Edwin W. Edwards
Governor

Kai David Midboe
Secretary

May 4, 1992



PPG Industries, Inc.
Lake Charles Complex
Post Office Box 1000
Lake Charles, LA 70602

Attention: Mr. Tom G. Brown, Works Manager

Dear Mr. Brown:

On March 30 through April 2, 1992, Mr. Brian Smith, Mr. Gerald Quarles and Ms. Jennifer Mouton of our Southwest Regional Office performed an inspection of the PPG Industries, Lake Charles Complex located on Columbia Southern Road south of I-10 in Westlake, Calcasieu Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Andy Plauche' and Ms. Esther Liggio represented the company during this inspection.

Their report indicates that this facility appeared to be operating in compliance with applicable Louisiana Air Quality Regulations at the time of this inspection.

However, the report indicates that during this inspection the following deficiencies were noted:

- 1) Fugitive dust emissions were observed in the Silicas Plant at a railcar loadout station during product loading and from the cleaning of a vacuum truck used for spill cleanup.
- 2) Recordkeeping required by Permit No. 2085 (M-1) pertaining to scrubbers and baghouses in the Silicas Plant should be revised to provide better documentation of control equipment maintenance - inspection activities as required by the permit.

SL 025629



recycled paper

OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY

P.O. BOX 82135

BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA 70884-2135

AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER



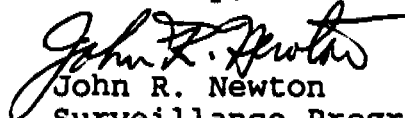
- 3) More diligent recordkeeping in the TE II Unit regarding responses to area monitor alarms is needed. It is unclear from operating logs and monitoring reports exactly what actions, if any, are being taken in response to monitor alarms and if standard operating procedures are being followed. PPG officials acknowledged the lack of documentation of response actions and has proposed corrective actions.
- 4) VCM area monitor daily span checks. At present, the area monitors are not being span checked daily, only during the weekdays. We request that the company revise their leak detection and elimination plan to provide for daily span checks as required by LAC 33:III.5121.F.2.h.i.(d).

We request that the company respond in writing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter addressing each of the above noted deficiencies and stating what measures will be taken to correct these deficiencies.

Please send a copy of all correspondence concerning this request to our Southwest Regional Office at Post Office Box 3047, Lake Charles, LA 70602.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matters.

Sincerely,



John R. Newton
Surveillance Program Manager

JRN/GQ

cc: Southwest Regional Office
Ed Sanchez, Air Toxics

SL 025630