

Exxon

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TO: File
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SUBJECT: THOMAS & BETTS DINP CONTAMINATION

Interoffice
Communication

VISTA

Thomas & Betts purchased 2234FR BLK (Lot 30-A8009) from the Visalia facility which was found to be contaminated with 10% DINP.

Background:

The material was produced 1/6/88 and shipped as indicated:

3/1/88	7,186 LBS
4/19/88	14,000 LBS
5/19/88	<u>10,000 LBS</u>

31,186 LBS

T&B produced approximately 3 MM feet of jacketed ribbon cable with this material. One box of unused compound remains in their warehouse--approximately 2 M LBS.

We believe T&B cannot specifically distinguish the cable produced with above product. Their internal records do not identify lot to lot production.

During this period, Exxon was our plasticizer supplier of record. A split load of 80 TM & DINP was delivered 11/30/87.

Only one compound produced during January contained DINP as part of the formula--9940A BLK--which was produced 1/18/88 (12 days following subject material).

After internal review, Visalia feels that nothing in their system caused the contamination.

After review with Legal, we need to determine product liability/risk assessment and communicate Vista's position:

- 1) Request a recall.
- 2) Accept liability/warn customer of liability.

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