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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

GP-1625

October 16, 1973

Mr. C. B. Willard
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Air Pollution Control
Naval Armory
East Randolph at the Lake
Chicago, IL 60601

Dear Mr. Willard:

With reference to your letter of August 27, 1973, the following numbers correspond to the numbering of the items in your letter:

1. A new railroad unloading system became fully operative on October 10, 1973 which has eliminated all fugitive emissions resulting from rail car unloading. Our personnel have also been instructed so as to prevent fugitive emissions emanating from truck unloading hoses.

2. The new unloading system includes a 200-ton storage bin which will eliminate any possibility of future unloading.

3. We believe the design of the present loading system should prevent the occurrence of such emissions. We will, however, further study the matter and will advise you if we forsee any problems.

4. We are currently in the final stages of preparing an operating permit application which will be submitted within two weeks.

5. We believe we have always been in compliance with Rule 621 (b, c, and d) as we do instruct all employees on the potential hazards of asbestos exposure and appropriate precautions; provide respirators, aprons, and additional protective equipment to prevent asbestos containing material on employees' clothes; and dispose of asbestos containing wastes in sealed plastic bags, clearly labeled as to their contents, which are removed to a sanitary landfill. After receipt of the operating permit referred to in item 4, please advise if you believe any additional permits are required.

Although this letter should not be interpreted as indicating our belief of the existence of any past violations of the Environmental Protection Act, we appreciate the opportunity of responding to your comments. Please contact me in the event you desire any further information.

Very truly yours,

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