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Mr. Paul J. Traina, Director
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Re: General Electric Company
Rome, Georgia
NPDES Permit No. GA 0024155

Dear Mr. Traina:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 22, 1975. In regard to the lack of limitations for oil and grease on the above referenced permit for discharges 001 and 003, this was omitted since construction of oil-water separators for these discharges is just being completed. Therefore, no background data has been collected to demonstrate whether the treatment will meet any proposed limitations or if additional treatment will be required. When the permit is reissued an oil and grease limitation will be included. In the case of discharges 002 and 004, the limitation was omitted since there should not be any oil and grease present due to the nature of their origin. To confirm that there are no housekeeping or other problems which will need to be corrected, oil and grease monitoring for discharges 002 and 004 is being required. According to General Electric, all process wastewater produced in the metal finishing area has been diverted to the sanitary sewer. The metal monitoring is to confirm the above. If the monitoring results demonstrate that there is an appreciable concentration of metals, limitations will be developed for the next permit along with a compliance schedule.

Monitoring of the Coosa River by the Georgia Environmental Protection Division has already established that polychlorinated byphenyls (PCBs) exist in the Coosa River. In the future we plan to initiate further studies to pinpoint any additional PCB sources. Any assistance that the S & A would be able to provide in this area would be appreciated. When these studies are undertaken, one of our staff will contact the S & A to coordinate any possible assistance. If possible, we would appreciate being informed of the results of General Electric's adjudicatory proceedings on their New York State plant since this will probably set a precedent concerning PCB limitations.

Sincerely,

Gene B. Welsh, Chief
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