



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VI

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Mr. J. A. DeBernardi
Manager
Conoco VCM Plant
P. O. 605
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Dear Mr. DeBernardi:

The Environmental Protection Agency, National Enforcement Investigations Center (NEIC) will conduct an inspection of your facility in the fall of 1980.

The inspection team will be under the direction of Mr. E. J. Struzeski or Mr. A. E. Franzen, who will confirm the details of the inspections with you. The purpose of the inspection is (1) to assess the impact of wastewater discharges, air emissions and solid and liquid waste disposal practices on the surrounding environment and (2) to evaluate current compliance status with the applicable statutes, regulations and with permits issued to your facility. The inspectors will observe process operations; evaluate monitoring practices, equipment and sites; examine waste management practices; review related records; and collect environmental samples which may include air, water, waste and/or soil samples. In addition, the inspectors may wish to take photographs of selected subjects. They will be interested in any phase of your operation which could lead to pollution. Accordingly, facility personnel should follow their usual practices and procedures for production and monitoring. Prior to their arrival, the inspection team will require certain information. Accordingly, we ask that the following materials be submitted to NEIC. Even though certain documents may have been previously submitted to the EPA Effluent Guidelines Division or to other EPA programs, the NEIC inspection team will require a copy of the same data to expedite the survey and to ensure that the NEIC analysis is both factual and comprehensive.

The inspection authority, as well as the authority for obtaining requested information, is contained in one or more of the following statutes:

Section 114 of the Clean Air Act (42 USC 1957)

Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (3 USC 1318)

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