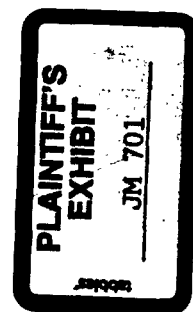


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PVC PIPE FORMULAS (M.S. 455-5) AND MIXING PROCEDURES (M.S. 455-6)



A proposed revision to Manufacturing Spec 455-6, J-M PVC Pipe Mixing Procedures, was issued for review and comments on 12/15/76. This revision was an attempt to rewrite the spec to authorize equal or better alternate equipment and methods currently used by several plants, but not included in the specification. Comments from the plants now indicate more areas that fit into this category.

A second review of Manufacturing Spec 455-6, J-M PVC Pipe Mixing Procedures, suggests that most of the information in this spec serves no useful purpose and does not belong in a Manufacturing Spec.

My proposal now is to cancel this specification. Any useful information or requirements will be consolidated into Manufacturing Spec 455-5, PVC Pipe Formulas. Attached is the current specification marked to show the proposed elimination and transfer of information. The following points should be noted:

1.0 Raw Materials

Information in these two paragraphs is to be added to Manufacturing Spec 455-5.

2.0 Equipment

This complete section is to be eliminated. An equipment list is not a Manufacturing Spec requirement. This section served no useful purpose at the start-up of the new plants, but is now obsolete. This list was ignored by some plants, and may have prevented improvements in equipment at others.

2.6.1 Ingredient Order

This list shows obsolete materials. It is believed that the ingredient order is not required. If the ingredient order is important materials in the formulations in Manufacturing Spec 455-5 should be listed in the correct order.

3.0 Safety Equipment

This section is to be eliminated. This type of information belongs in the plant Safety Manual, not in a Manufacturing Spec.

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Sections 4 thru 10, pages 3 thru 8

Completely eliminate these sections because they are not requirements of a Manufacturing Spec. Five pages describe how to do, and none of it can be classified as required information for control of the process.

Please advise your comments on this proposal.

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