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WATER POLLUTION CONTROL

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During the Industrial Fluids - Therminol Sales Meeting on October 14, the request for more information on water pollution control was made and you asked me to prepare a summary which would be helpful to our salesmen.

With the continual barrage on pollution on television, radio, newspapers, trade and scientific journals, it seems to me that any information I could assemble would be redundant.

I would summarize the total situation as follows:

1. All fifty states have pollution control standards. A copy of the Chemical Week summary is attached.
2. These standards vary from State to State.
3. There are many indications that these standards will become tighter in the future.
4. Degree of enforcement varies within each state. Many agencies do not have the resources to effectively regulate polluters. In many areas political factors are influencing the degree of enforcement.
5. The newly formed Federal Environmental Protection Administration will be exerting considerable pressure to clean up the rivers and lakes in this country.
6. In my opinion, by 1975 uncontrolled discharge of waste by municipalities or industry will not be tolerated.
7. All polluters should be making plans and taking appropriate action to assure themselves that their operations are in compliance.

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As I look over this list, it strikes me that it does not contain anything that our well-informed salesmen do not already know. Have I misunderstood what their needs in this area are?

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