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Mr. Andy Blanchard
Environmental Specialties International Inc.
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Re: NL Industries/Taracorp Superfund Project

Dear Andy,

CETCO, the manufacturer of Bentomat Geosynthetic Clay Liners does not perform Puncture tests as part of our standard MQA procedure. This test does not apply to GCL's and is not a requirement of the ASTM D-5889-95 Standard Practices for GCL's. I have reviewed historical data for Bentomat ST which yields an 80 lb. Puncture minimum, and Bentomat DN yields 90lb. Puncture minimum. CETCO will certify to these values.

I have attached current Bentomat ST and DN Certified Property Sheets which conform to these latest ASTM Standards for your review. The Peel strengths you requested are included as well.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional assistance.

Regards,

Barry LaFrentaine
National Accounts Manager
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