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AUGUST 14, 1981

MR. GILBERT THOMSON, VICE PRESIDENT
WELDON INDUSTRIES INC
14527 S LINCOLN AVE.
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DEAR MR. THOMSON,

AS YOU MAY RECALL, CHARLES GEBIEN OF THIS AGENCY RECENTLY INVESTIGATED A CITIZENS COMPLAINT REGARDING THE DEPOSITION OF FLAMMABLE WASTE ADHESIVES ON THE GROUND IN THE REAR OF YOUR PLANT.

DURING THIS INVESTIGATION MR GEBIEN OBSERVED APPROXIMATELY 100 GALLONS OF A SEMI-SOLID MATERIAL ON THE SURFACE OF THE GROUND IN AN AREA ON YOUR PROPERTY LOCATED TO THE REAR OF YOUR MANUFACTURING BUILDING. AFTER REVIEWING OUR FILES AND SPEAKING WITH YOU DURING THE INVESTIGATION, IT IS EVIDENT THAT YOUR COMPANY HAS NO ILLINOIS PERMITS FOR THE ON-SITE OR OFF-SITE DISPOSAL OF THE FLAMMABLE WASTE ADHESIVES THAT ARE GENERATED BY YOUR FACILITY.

AS A GENERATOR OF A HAZARDOUS WASTE IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO ENSURE THAT YOUR WASTE IS PROPERLY DISPOSED OF AT AN APPROVED EPA DISPOSAL FACILITY. THE IMPROPER DISPOSAL OF HAZARDOUS WASTES IN THE STATE OF ILLINOIS IS PUNISHABLE AS A CLASS 4 FELONY AS STATED IN SECTION 44 PART B OF THE ILLINOIS ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION ACT.

ALTHOUGH THE SPILLAGE OF YOUR FLAMMABLE WASTE ADHESIVES MAY HAVE BEEN ACCIDENTAL, IT WOULD BE IN YOUR BEST INTEREST TO IMMEDIATELY MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE PROPER DISPOSAL OF THESE WASTES.

YOU SHOULD ALSO BE AWARE THAT THE RESOURCE CONSERVATION AND RECOVERY ACT OF 1976 REQUIRES THAT ANY PERSON WHO HANDLES HAZARDOUS WASTE WHETHER AS A GENERATOR, TRANSPORTER, TREATER, STORER, OR DISPOSER TO NOTIFY THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY. IF YOU HAVE NOT ALREADY RECIEVED A LETTER FROM USEPA REGARDING THIS MATTER, I SUGGEST THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY CONTACT MR. Y. J. KIM, EPA REGION V AT PHONE NUMBER 800-572-3176 AND MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR NOTIFICATION.

PLEASE CONTACT CHARLES GEBIEN AT THIS OFFICE AT PHONE NUMBER 312-345-9780 IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS IN THIS MATTER. MR. GEBIEN WILL MAKE ARRANGEMENTS WITH YOU BY PHONE TO CONDUCT A RE-INSPECTION OF YOUR FACILITY WITHIN THE NEXT TWO WEEKS.

SINCERLY,

KENNETH BECHELY, NORTHERN REGION MANAGER
LAND FIELD OPERATIONS SECTION
DIVISION OF LAND / NOISE POLLUTION CONTROL

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