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INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 17, 1960

TO: A. M. McKinnon, Director of Public Works

FROM: H. P. Anderson, Superintendent Sewage Treatment Plant

RE: In Response to Your Questions About the Letter Received From Fairchild Semiconductor Corp.

"Section 9, Paragraph G has reference to any waters or wastes containing a toxic or poisonous substance to interfere with sewage treatment process." This has reference to any toxic material which may be dangerous to our workmen or interfere with the biological aerobic or anaerobic, particularly in our digester. This might be such materials as cyanides, poisonous metallic salts, substances which might give off obnoxious gases, or materials of a similar nature. Acids are, of course, also undesirable but they are covered elsewhere, particularly under Section 9, Paragraph F.

Paragraph H has reference to "any waters or wastes containing suspended solids of such character that will cause unusual addition or expense." This could be such materials as are insoluble, that our ordinary settling process would not handle; for example, an excessively large amount of vegetables, either whole or ground; such material as sawdust; large amounts of coffee grounds; or finely ground metallic material or solids of a similar nature.

"The Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Sewerage" refers to the "STANDARD METHODS FOR THE EXAMINATION OF WATER, SEWERAGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES," prepared and published for the American Public Health Association, etc. The latest edition was the 10th Edition published in 1955. Most book stores can obtain it for you or it can be obtained directly from the American Public Health Association, 1790 Broadway, New York 19, New York. I believe the price of the book is $15.00.

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