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In the matter of: CATALINA YACHTS, INC. Respondent	Docket No. EPCRA 09-94-0015 DECLARATION OF RICHARD S. PEPIAK

DECLARATION

I, Richard S. Pepiak, do declare as follows:

1. Since 1989, I have been employed as a Sales Representative for M.A.Hanna Resin ("Hanna"). One of my accounts is Catalina Yachts, Inc. ("Catalina"). The following facts are within my personal knowledge and if called as a witness I could competently testify with respect thereto.

2. In 1991, I was asked by Catalina to supply an acetone replacement for use at Catalina's plant located at 21200 Victory Boulevard, Woodland Hills, California.

3. Hanna supplies DBE, an acetone substitute. To my knowledge, no other Southern California boat manufacturer had

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made use of a substitute for acetone prior to Catalina's adoption of DBE in 1991.

4. DBE is more expensive than acetone, but use of DBE results in reduced emissions of volatile organic compounds.

5. I worked with Gerard Douglas in Catalina's evaluation of DBE. In addition, to promote waste reduction, Catalina purchased a DBE solvent recovery system which extends the useful service life of DBE. The cost of this recovery system was approximately $30,000.

6. Catalina's successful use of DBE as an acetone replacement has allowed Hanna to promote additional sales of DBE to other customers.

7. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct letter that I sent to Gerard Douglas at Catalina, and the facts stated therein are true of my own personal knowledge and belief.

I declare under penalty of perjury in accordance with the laws of the State of California that the above declaration is true and correct. Executed at Rancho Cucamonga, California this 10th day of March 1995.

DATED: March 10, 1995

By: Richard S. Pepiak

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September 28, 1994

Catalina Yachts
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Woodland Hills, CA 91365
Attn: Gerald Douglas

Dear Gerry,

I would like to take this opportunity to commend Catalina Yachts on its decision to voluntarily replace acetone with DBE some four years ago.

Taking a leadership position in making such a change is not always an easy one. Your commitment of time, training and substantial financial resources cannot go without mention.

Due to your efforts Catalina Yachts has reduced emissions by an estimated seventy-five percent. This success has given us the ability to promote DBE as a solvent alternative throughout Southern California.

Many fabricators have since made the conversion and realized similar reductions. Others are now testing DBE as a viable alternative. If it weren't for Catalina's earlier involvement I doubt this would be the case.

Once again I would like to thank you for all of your help.

Regards,

Richard S. Pepiak
Sales Representative

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