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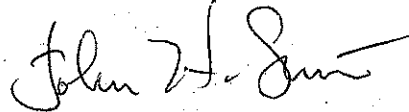
Mr. Keith R. Reed
President
Environmental Protection Services
4 Industrial Park Drive
P.O. Box 710
Wheeling, WV 26003-0091

Dear Mr. Reed:

This letter is in response to your inquiry about the potential use of mineral oil dielectric fluid as a performance-based organic decontamination fluid (PODF) in accordance with self-implementing decontamination procedures in §761.79(c).

For purposes of its properties as a solvent of PCBs, mineral oil dielectric fluid is essentially the same as diesel fuel. Diesel fuel is included as a PODF. Therefore, EPA hereby approves mineral oil dielectric fluid for use as a PODF in self-implementing decontamination conducted under §761.79(c)(3) and (c)(4).

Sincerely,



John H. Smith, Ph.D.
Chemist

CONCURRENCES

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| SYMBOL | 7404 | | | | | | |
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ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION SERVICES

October 16, 1998

US Environmental Protection Agency
John Smith
401 M St. Southwest
Washington, DC 20460

Ref: 40CFR 761.79

Dear Mr. Smith

At a recent USWAG meeting in Chicago, a comment was made that you personally had stated that transformer mineral oil could be used as an approved PODF for the decontamination process.

Could you please verify in writing whether the above is correct or incorrect.

Thanking you in advance for your co-operation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Keith R. Reed
President & CEO



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April 12, 1999

TO: Mr. Keith R. Reed

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MESSAGE: The attached letter will be in EPA's outgoing mail tomorrow.

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