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Subject: Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C.;FLO 000 207 449;Permit Number: 71455-HO-007

Attachments: 3-16-07 Veolia Permit Application letter.pdf

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> Tim Bahr Environmental Administrator Hazardous Waste Regulation Department of Environmental Protection

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From: Greg.Newton@veoliaes.com

**Sent:** Thursday, March 22, 2007 11:03 AM

To: Epost HWRS

Subject: Re: Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C.;FLO 000 207 449;Permit Number: 71455-HO-007

I received this email from FLDEP.

Thanks,

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March 16, 2007

SENT VIA EMAIL greg.newton@veoliaes.com

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SUBJECT: Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C.

Permit Renewal Application

EPA I.D. Number: FLO 000 207 449 Permit Number: 71455-HO-007

Dear Mr. Newton:

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has completed its review of the renewal permit application dated May 2006 and subsequent submittal dated January 17, 2007 for Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C., Tallahassee, Florida. The Department has determined that the renewal permit application is complete and the Department will proceed with the drafting of the renewal permit.

For your information, enclosed is a copy of the letter from Dr. Stephen M. Roberts, University of Florida, which recommends use of the ATSDR and USEPA action levels for mercury air samples.

Please contact Rabin Prusty at (850) 245-8780, e-mail: <a href="mailto:rabin.prusty@dep.state.fl.us">rabin.prusty@dep.state.fl.us</a> or Bheem Kothur at (850) 245-8781, e-mail: <a href="mailto:bheem.kothur@dep.state.fl.us">bheem.kothur@dep.state.fl.us</a> if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Bheem Kothur, P.E. III Hazardous Waste Regulation

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Re: Veolia ES Technical Solutions, L.L.C.

BY: BSHW

Dear Mr. Bahr:

At your request, we have reviewed the *Response to FLDEP Notice of Deficiency*, provided in a letter from Greg Newton of Veolia ES Technical Solutions to Bheem Kothur of the Florida Department of Environmental Protection dated December 15, 2006. Basic elements of this response include agreement to use air sample criteria recommended in a guidance memo we wrote May 18, 2006, as part of the residential closure standards for their facility. Veolia disagrees with using the wipe sample criteria provided in the same guidance memo, however, arguing that they are more conservative than is needed for protection of human health and the environment.

As we pointed out in the May 18, 2006 memo, the principal pathway of exposure for elemental mercury contamination in a building is by inhalation. Elemental mercury readily volatilizes from contaminated surfaces, and the absorption of inhaled elemental mercury is extensive. In contrast, absorption of elemental mercury after direct contact (i.e., dermal absorption, as well as gastrointestinal absorption after hand-to-mouth activities) is negligible. In order to be protective of inhalation exposure, we continue to recommend use of the ATSDR and USEPA action levels of 1.0  $\mu g/m^3$  for a residence and 3.0  $\mu g/m^3$  for an occupational setting. We see little value in imposing additional criteria based on surface wipes. In addition to representing minor routes of exposure (dermal and ingestion), surface wipe criteria have technical limitations discussed in the May 18 memo, including a high degree of uncertainty in estimating intake from hand-to-mouth activity. These limitations make regulatory use of the surface wipe criteria tenuous. Application of air criteria alone should be fully adequate to insure health protective closure of buildings.

Please let us know if you have any questions regarding our recommendations.

Sincerely,

Stephen M. Roberts, Ph.D.

Leah D. Stuchal, Ph.D.

cc: Ligia Mora-Applegate, FDEP

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