



April 22, 2002

Mr. John White, Environmental Specialist Florida Department of Environmental Protection Central District 3319 Maguire Boulevard, Suite 232 Orlando, FL 32803-3767

Re:

Response to Letters Dated March 14, and April 16, 2002

Safety-Kleen Systems, Inc. Sanford, FL Facility

EPA ID# FLD 984 171 165

Dear Mr. White:

In response to the above-referenced letters, pertaining to violations alleged by letter dated October 11, 2001, Safety-Kleen has determined that the proposed settlement, in consideration of the circumstances, offer is not acceptable. As such, we respectively request that this matter be held in abeyance until May 15, 2002, at which time, a formal letter addressing this issue will be forwarded to your Department.

Thank you for your attention in this regard. If you have any questions or desire further clarification with, regard to this correspondence, please feel free to contact me at (615) 350-5369.

Sincerely,

ames C. Childress, CHMM

Regional Environmental Compliance Manager

Cc: Keith Marcille, Safety-Kleen

Matt Hedrick, Safety-Kleen

Craig Lackey, Safety-Kleen

Kenneth L. Bednar

Safety-Kleen Ltd. Fined \$100,000

YORKTON, December 3, 2001 - Safety-Kleen Ltd., also known as Safety-Kleen Services (Canada) Ltd. and Laidlaw Environmental Services Ltd. of Winnipeg, Manitoba was fined \$100,000 in Yorkton Provincial Court, Saskatchewan, on Friday November 30, on charges relating to transport and export of hazardous waste.

Provincial Court Judge E.S. Bobowski sentenced Safety-Kleen Ltd. to a fine of \$50,000 for failing to give notice of the proposed export of hazardous waste under the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA,1999). They were also fined \$25,000 on each of two charges under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Regulations (TDGR) for handling and transporting flammable materials without proper shipping documents and handling and transporting flammable materials without applicable safety marks.

The charges stemmed from the export of 54 drums of hazardous waste paint

by-products to a waste facility in North Dakota on October 15, 1998. Leon-Ram Enterprises Inc. of Yorkton, Saskatchewan, had contracted Safety-Kleen Ltd. to ship the waste to the facility.

Leon-Ram Enterprises Inc. had previously pled guilty to one charge under CEPA and one charge under the TDGR and on July 4, 2001 was sentenced to a fine of \$4,000.

The investigation was conducted by Environment Canada and Transport Canada.

The Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999 carries a maximum fine of \$300,000 or up to six months in jail on summary conviction. The maximum fine under the Transportation of Dangerous Goods Act is \$100,000.

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