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HAZARDOUS WASTE
PERMITTING

Re: Request for Modification of Hazardous Waste Operating Permit (Submitted on June 15, 1993). Safety-Kleen/Medley, Operating Permit Number HO 13-216311, Facility Number FLD 984171694.

Dear Mr. San Agustin:

The Department has reviewed your request for modification, as referenced. The information which you have provided has given rise to several areas of concern. Prior to the issuance of a permit modification to change facility waste streams and waste management practices, the following comments must be addressed:

1. Accompanying the modification request were instructions for updating the permit application. Replacement pages were submitted as revisions to the original permit application pages. Revision 3 - 06/11/93, p. I.D.2-2, paragraph one, states, "Used parts washer premium solvent is transported from the customer as a non-hazardous waste and only becomes hazardous once it is mixed in the used parts washer solvent tank." The revision can not be accepted as submitted. Please refer to the Department's response to Safety-Kleen's request for modification (submitted on March 15, 1993). The response letter, dated May 3, 1993, which must be attached to the original permit and becomes part of that permit, allowed for the following modification:

"Safety-Kleen may accept waste 'Premium Solvent' at the Medley service center. The waste 'Premium Solvent' will be mixed in the wet dumpster (solvent return receptacle), located in the return / fill area, when it arrives at the service center. The Department has not yet determined the regulatory status of the waste 'Premium Solvent'. Until the Department makes such a determination Safety-Kleen is to transport and handle the waste 'Premium Solvent' in the same manner as other hazardous wastes."

It is the generator's responsibility (40 CFR, Part 262.11) to determine whether spent solvents are hazardous through process knowledge or testing. The generator is responsible for making such a determination for the waste "Premium Solvent" and arrange for proper disposal. Rewording of p. I.D.2-2, paragraph one and p. II.A.5-1, paragraph one to reflect the Department's position on hazardous waste determination is required prior to the acceptance of replacement pages for Attachment I.D.2. and Attachment II.A.5, respectively.

2. On April 26, 1993, the Department received the facility's request for modification identifying "cartridge filters" as an additional fraction of the Fluid Recovery Service (FRS), transfer, waste stream. The Department's response letter, dated May 25, 1993, which must be attached to the original permit and becomes part of that permit, allowed for the following modification:

"Safety-Kleen may accept waste cartridge filters and manage them as a transfer waste under the Fluid Recovery Service (FRS) program. Any containers used for the management and transportation of hazardous wastes must be in compliance with applicable regulations in 40 CFR Part 264 and 49 CFR Parts 173, 178, and 179."

Revision 3 - 06/11/93, p. I.D.2-4, paragraph two, states, "The filters are placed in the waste sludge satellite accumulation container located at the return / fill shelter wet dumpster." The revision can not be accepted as submitted. The revision provides information, in addition to that previously submitted, regarding the management of the filters once they reach Safety-Kleen's, Medley, facility. The revision suggests that the filter cartridges are to be placed in the satellite accumulation containers. The containers are designated for dumpster sediment removed from drum washers. The proposed management of the (permitted transfer waste) cartridge filters would violate specific condition number fifteen (#15) and number thirty-six (#36), of the above referenced permit. Revision 3 - 06/11/93, p. I.D.2-3 and Revision 2 - 06/11/93, p. II.A.5-7 should be revised. The revision should include the waste cartridge filters as one of the "examples of the types of wastes" managed as FRS wastes, a segregated transfer facility waste stream.

Revision 2 - 06/11/93, P. II.A.4(b)-2, paragraph one, and Revision 2 - 06/11/93, p. II.A.5-5, paragraph one fail to include that sludge in the wet dumpster is put into satellite accumulation drums next to the wet dumpster units.

3. Revision 2 - 06/11/93, p. II.A.6-4, paragraph one, should state, "...and label it as hazardous waste with the appropriate accumulation start date." In the same paragraph it is stated that the container is left with the customer pending the results of laboratory tests. Please provide the anticipated turnaround time for the analysis of the samples taken by the service representative.

Paragraph 2 states, "If the laboratory analysis reveals that the sampled waste is not contaminated, Safety-Kleen will accept the waste from the customer." The statement is confusing since the Safety-Kleen facility is permitted to manage D001 through D043 waste types. What is the definition of "contaminated" as used in the statement?

Paragraph 3 states, "If the discrepancy is not resolved within 15 days after receiving the waste, Safety-Kleen will immediately submit to the Department a letter describing the discrepancy and attempts to reconcile it..." Please define the use of the word "discrepancy" in the statement. Within 15 days after who receives the waste?

4. The field screening of Safety-Kleen solvents, through visual and volumetric inspection, is a logical one. Revision 3 - 06/11/93, Page I.D.2-3, states, "This **closed loop** supplies Safety-Kleen with most of its solvent requirements; the resultant stabilized cost benefits are passed on to its customers. **Ownership of the solvent remains with Safety-Kleen**, the service center managers are accountable for the quantities of clean and used solvents handled by their branch operations." If this statement is true how can Safety-Kleen "reject the waste" or "reject the container of waste", as stated in Revision 2 - 06/11/93, pp. II.A.6-4 and II.A.6-5 and continue to make the claim of "closed loop" and "ownership of the solvent remains with Safety-Kleen", as suggested in Revision 3 - 06/11/93, p. I.D.2-3? Field screening of Safety-Kleen solvents, through visual and volumetric inspection, should not be considered a reliable means of hazardous waste determination as required in 40 CFR, Part 262.11.
5. In future submittals of revised pages please indicate (i.e. highlight, underline) which language has been modified.

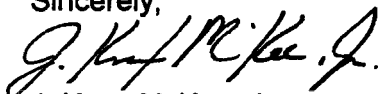
You are requested to submit a response to the above items. The response to these items, with any necessary revisions to the permit modification, is requested within fifteen (15) days of receipt of this letter. Please be aware that no decision on the modification of the permit can be rendered until the requested information is submitted and reviewed.

It should be noted that the mailing address for the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has been changed as follows:

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Please call me, at (407) 433-2650, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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