



SEALY, INC.

EPA Region 5 Records Ctr.



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July 25, 1991

VIA FEDERAL EXPRESS

Mr. Paul Rogers
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5
230 South Dearborn St.
Chicago, IL 60604

RE: Skinner Landfill Request for Information

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Here are the responses of The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company to the above request for information. Please direct any further inquiries to my attention.

Very truly yours,

John D. Moran

JDM/erp

Enclosure

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RESPONSES TO SKINNER LANDFILL INFORMATION REQUESTS

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Valley City, OH 44280

2. Documents consulted include general files, file indexes, corporate records, plant records, and lease. All responsive documents have been attached hereto. All responses and documents provided are to the best knowledge of the company and based on a diligent review of company records.
3. With respect to Textile operations:
The Stearns Technical Textile Trust
100 Williams Street
Lockland, OH 45215
Attention: Thomas E. Grau
(513) 948-5273
4. None.
5. None known
5. The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company does not have reason to believe that any waste material generated or disposed of by it was disposed of at the Site.
7. The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company facilities located in Lockland and Mason, Ohio did not produce hazardous waste. Prior to August 1985, The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company operated a Textile Division at the Lockland, Ohio facility. (See response #10(d)(1)(e)). The company is without information to respond to this Request for Information with respect to the Textile Division. (See response #3)

Between approximately 1971 and 1980 the company operated a

facility in Mason, Ohio. The company assembled mattresses and box springs as well as upholstered furniture at the Mason, Ohio facility.

LSF Manufacturing Co. (see response #10 (a)) operated in Mason, Ohio from 1978 to 1986 at which time it was merged with the company (see response #10 (d)(1)(f)) and its operations were transferred to Lockland. Its operation generated waste of polyurethane foam.

The following list represents the waste materials that are byproducts of the upholstered furniture assembly process:

- Staples
- Wire
- Metal banding (packaging)
- Cotton batting
- Polyurethane foam
- Polyester fibers
- Woven and non-woven synthetic and natural fibers
- Paper packaging
- Cardboard
- Plastic bags (packaging)
- Plastic tufting buttons
- Crating lumber
- Rope/twine
- Thread

The following list represents the waste materials that are byproducts of the mattress and box spring assembly process:

- Wood parts
- Wire springs
- Manufactured fiber pad
- Cotton felt
- Polyurethane foam
- Polyester fiber (also called 911 fiber)
- Rubberized hair pad
- Corrugated cartons
- Plastic for packing
- Thread, tape, handles
- Nails, staples, clips, etc.
- Corner guards
- Non-woven backing materials
- Paper product tickets, warranty, etc.
- Wool

All such waste receives no special treatment or handling and is transported in conventional trash vehicles.

Enclosed herewith and designated confidential pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B are flow charts of the manufacturing process of sleep sofas, mattresses and box springs.

8. Columbus Steel Drum Company

P.O. Box 597
Oxford, MI 48051
Location Sent: Unknown
Person Selecting: Hauler

Vulcan Oil Company
5353 Spring Grove Avenue
Cincinnati, OH 45217
Location Sent: Unknown
Person Selecting: Hauler

Rumpke Waste, Inc.
10777 Hughes Rd.
Cincinnati, OH 45210
Location Sent: Unknown
Person Selecting: Hauler

9. Enclosed herewith and designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B for the periods ending 11/30/86, 11/30/87, 11/30/88 and 4/24/89, The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company filed a consolidated Federal Tax return with Sealy Corporation (formerly named The Ohio Mattress Company). For the period ended 11/30/89, The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company filed a consolidated Federal Tax return with Sealy Holdings, Inc. (formerly named The Ohio Mattress Holding Company). The returns provided herein are the separate returns of The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company as filed with the consolidated returns referenced above. Except for the Tax returns themselves, separate Financial Statements were not filed with the IRS during the last five years.

Also enclosed herewith and designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B for the periods ending 11/30/86, 11/30/87, 11/30/88 and 4/24/89, The Stearns & Foster Upholstery Furniture Company filed a consolidated Federal Tax return with Sealy Corporation (formerly named The Ohio Mattress Company). For the period ended 11/30/89, The Stearns & Foster Upholstery Furniture Company filed a consolidated Federal Tax return with Sealy Holdings, Inc. (formerly named The Ohio Mattress Holding Company). The returns provided herein are the separate returns of The Stearns & Foster Upholstery Furniture Company as filed with the consolidated returns referenced above. Except for the Tax returns themselves, separate Financial Statements were not filed with the IRS during the last five years.

10. a) Enclosed herewith and designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B are the Articles of Incorporation and the By-Laws for The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company and The Stearns & Foster Upholstery Furniture Company. On December 3, 1984, The Stearns & Foster Company was merged into Lifetime Foam Products, Inc. ("Lifetime") with Lifetime as the surviving corporation. Lifetime then changed its name to "The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company". The Articles of

Incorporation (and amendments thereto) provided herein are those of Lifetime (now named "The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company").

- b) Enclosed herewith and designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B, are financial statements for fiscal years 1986 - 1989 . Respondent's financial statements on a separate basis for fiscal year 1990 are not available. The financial information of The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company and The Stearns & Foster Upholstery Furniture Company was consolidated with their parent company financial statements. The financial information provided herein represents separate financial information for The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company and for The Stearns & Foster Upholstery Furniture Company.
- c) Attached hereto.
- d) The documents submitted in response to this request are designated CONFIDENTIAL pursuant to 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B:
 - 1) The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company:
 - a) December 3, 1984 - merger between Lifetime Foam Products, Inc. ("Lifetime") and The Stearns & Foster Company and name change of surviving corporation to "The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company".
 - b) April 6, 1984 - purchase of Lifetime by The Ohio Mattress Company from Sears Roebuck and Co. The Lockland, Ohio and former Mason, Ohio mattress, box spring and upholstered furniture assembly facilities to which this information request appears to be directed were not owned by Lifetime. Lockland and Mason were owned by The Stearns & Foster Company. Therefore, pre 1984 ownership change information regarding Lifetime is not provided herein.
 - c) December 1984 - establishment of "The Stearns and Foster Upholstery Furniture Company" a wholly owned subsidiary of The Stearns and Foster Bedding Company.
 - d) March 22, 1985 - sale of Carson-Saeks Division of The Stearns & Foster Technical Textiles Company to WDS Acquisition Co.
 - e) August 30, 1985 - sale of the Textile Division.
 - f) September 29, 1986 - merger of LSF Manufacturing, Inc. into The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company.
 - g) April 24, 1989 - tender offer for 96% of the stock of The Ohio Mattress Company. August 9, 1989

- merger of GGvA Acquisition Corp. into The Ohio Mattress Company (see enclosed prospectus dated August 18, 1989). GGvA Holding Corp. is now named Sealy Holdings, Inc. The Ohio Mattress Company is now named Sealy Corporation.

2) The Stearns & Foster Company:

a) 1978 - The Stearns & Foster Company acquired 50% of L & L Investments Inc. from Lifetime Foam Products Inc. On July 7, 1978, L & L Investments changed its name to LSF Manufacturing Co. In 1984, The Stearns & Foster Company acquired the remaining 50% of LSF Manufacturing Co. The agreements documenting acquisition of these ownership interests have not been located.

b) December 3, 1984 - merger between Lifetime Foam Products, Inc. ("Lifetime") and The Stearns & Foster Company and name change of surviving corporation to "The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company".

c) December 22, 1983 - purchase of The Stearns & Foster Company by Ohio-Sealy Mattress Manufacturing Company.

11. N/A

12. N/A



THE STEARNS & FOSTER BEDDING COMPANY

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C O N F I R M A T I O N C O P Y

June 19, 1991

VIA FACSIMILE (312) 886-7160

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Chicago, IL 60604

RE: The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company
Request for Information Pursuant to the
Skinner Landfill, West Chester, Ohio

Dear Mr. Rogers:

Thank you for your return call yesterday afternoon. This is to confirm that you have granted The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company a two week extension, until July 5, 1991, for purposes of answering the E.P.A.'s May 22, 1991 Requests for Information on the above-captioned matter.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

Carol A. Willis
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Legal Assistant

CAW/erp



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July 5, 1991

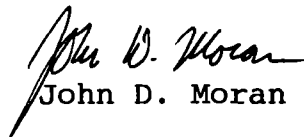
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RE: Skinner Landfill
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

This is to confirm that you have granted The Stearns & Foster Bedding Company an extension of time until July 26, 1991 within which to respond to the EPA's Request for Information regarding the Skinner Landfill. As I indicated, if the complete information is available earlier, I will forward then. Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,


John D. Moran

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