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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION III  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

CERTIFIED MAIL  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Thomas Steib  
President  
Witco  
P. O. Box 75  
Bakerstown, PA 15007

JUN 5 1991

Re: Hunter Farm Site

Dear Mr. Steib:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is seeking information concerning a release, or the threat of release, of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants into the environment at the above referenced site. Pursuant to the authority of Section 3007(a) of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, as amended (RCRA), 42 U.S.C. Section 6927(a), and Section 104(e) of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980, as amended (CERCLA), 42 U.S.C. Section 9604(e), your company is required to furnish all information and documents in its possession, custody or control, or in the possession, custody or control of any of its employees or agents which concern, refer, or relate to hazardous substances as defined by Section 101(14) of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9601(14), pollutants, contaminants, and/or hazardous wastes as defined by Section 1004(5) of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6903(5), which were transported to, stored, treated, or disposed of at the above referenced facility or the surrounding area.

The provisions in Section 104 of CERCLA, 42 U.S.C. Section 9604 and Section 3008 of RCRA, 42 U.S.C. Section 6928, authorize EPA to pursue penalties for failure to comply with these sections or for failure to respond adequately to required submissions of information. In addition, providing false, fictitious, or fraudulent statements or representations may subject you to criminal penalties under the Criminal Enforcement Act 18 U.S.C. Section 1001. The information you provide may be used by EPA in administrative, civil, or criminal proceedings.

Instructions for responding to this required submission of information are provided below. Please respond for all materials which are potentially hazardous as well as the "hazardous substances, pollutants and contaminants" previously specified in this letter.

As used herein, the term "documents" means: writings (handwritten, typed or otherwise produced or reproduced) and includes, but is not limited to, any invoices, checks, receipts,

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bills of lading, weight receipts, toll receipts, correspondence, offers, contracts, agreements, deeds, leases, manifests, licenses, permits, bids, proposals, policies of insurance, logs, books of original entry, minutes of meetings, memoranda, notes, calendar or daily entries, agendas, bulletins, notices, announcements, charts, maps, photographs, drawings, manuals, brochures, reports of scientific study or investigation, schedules, price lists, telegrams, teletypes, phono-records, magnetic voice or video records, tapes, summaries, magnetic tapes, punch cards, recordings, discs, computer printouts, or other data compilations from which information can be obtained or translated.

The response should include, but not be limited to, information and documentation concerning:

1. Identify all types of hazardous materials transported to, stored, treated, generated or disposed of at the Hunter Farm Site by Witco or any of its predecessors in interest. Include:
  - a. Every date on which the above took place;
  - b. quantities of each type of material;
  - c. the physical state (i.e. liquid, solid or gaseous) of the materials disposed of at the Site;
  - d. methods by which the materials were contained or disposed of (i.e. drummed or contained, placed in lagoons, land filled, placed in piles, etc.
2. Describe any permits or applications and any correspondence between your company and any regulatory agency regarding the materials transported, stored, treated, generated or disposed of at the Site. Provide copies of the same.
3. Provide copies of any correspondence between your company and any third party regarding the materials transported to, stored, treated, generated or disposed of at the Site.
4. Provide the identity of, and copies of, any documents relating to any other person or company who transported, generated, treated, stored, transported, or disposed or who arranged for the treatment, storage, disposal, or transportation of such materials to or at the Hunter Farm Site from approximately 1950 to approximately 1970.
5. Provide the identities of all predecessors in interest who transported to or stored, treated, generated or disposed of any materials at the Site. Describe in detail the nature of your predecessor in interest's business.
6. Was Bruce A. Hunter ever employed by you or by any of your predecessors in interest? If so, during what time was he employed?

You are entitled to assert a claim of business confidentiality covering any part or all of the submitted information, in the manner described in 40 C.F.R. Section 2.203(b). Information subject to a claim of business confidentiality will be made available to the public only in accordance with the procedures set

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forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 2, Subpart B. If a claim of business confidentiality is not asserted when the information is submitted to EPA, EPA may make this information available to the public without further notice to you.

Please respond in writing to this required submission of information within fifteen (15) calendar days of your receipt of this letter.

All documents and information should be sent to:

Glen S. Lapsley (3HW33)  
Removal Enforcement Section  
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
841 Chestnut Building  
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107

If you have any question concerning this matter, please contact Mr. Lapsley at (215) 597-6684 or have your attorney contact Andrew S. Levine, Assistant Regional Counsel, at (215) 597-7313.

This required submission of information is not subject to the approval requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980, 44 U.S.C. Section 3501, et seq.

Sincerely,

  
Dennis P. Carney, Chief  
Superfund Removal Branch

cc: Andrew S. Levine (3RC22)

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