

EXHIBIT 18

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Fax Cover Sheet

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This fax is to document our telephone discussion of January 23, 1996. This discussion was in reference to the evaporator unit we have just installed. Per our discussion on January 11, regarding the same topic Taconic has not had this unit in operation.

The evaporator unit will be used to evaporate and minimize our waste rinse water stream from the oven room. This stream is the water generated by rinsing our pans and process area in the aqueous Teflon coating area. We periodically empty our pans of the Teflon dispersion and need to clean them. The waste water is the stream that is generated from rinsing the pans clean. Currently the water is going into our septic system, which undergoes periodic testing for contaminate level.

The purpose of the evaporator is to minimize this waste water stream. The estimated stream going to the unit is 100 gallons per day. Attached is the test results from our EPA-8260 testing on the waste water stream. The purpose of this test is to examine a sample for quantities of reportable VOC's. This test showed no amounts of VOC's detectable.

Per our discussion I am including this testing for your examination. As you and I discussed, our general agreement was that this was sufficient to allow us to use the unit and be in compliance with regulations. I will contact you early next week to verify that we are still in agreement and see if there is anything further we need to do.

Future uses of the unit may be to condense excess water obtained in our fume eliminator, the replacement machine for the electrostatic precipitator, "smog hog". Prior to any new streams being fed into the unit we will pursue similar testing.

Sincerely,



Malcolm Green
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MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 11, 1996
TO: R. Quintus
FROM: M. Green
RE: Phone Conversation with DEC
CC: S. Goodermote, A. Russell, W. Tift

This memo is to detail a telephone conversation I had with Dennis Carroll at NY State DEC. The purpose of this phone call was to verify the need for an emission point permit for the evaporator. Secondly, was to make him aware of the evaporator due to the steam plume it gives off. Due to our recent complaints we decided it was best to notify him regarding these issues.

Dennis' response to the evaporator was that he thought we did need an emission point permit for the evaporator. Until we resolve this issue Wayne will lock out the evaporator. I will contact the manufacturer of the evaporator for assistance in dealing with this situation.

Dennis also commented that he was in the middle of drafting a letter to us to request that we submit emission point permits for the laminate's bake ovens as well as the etcher. When I asked if we could run the units he gave no definitive answer. I take this to be a yes as long as we are working with him on these issues. He will also ask for clarification of the existing permit points, with purpose that some are out of service and can be discontinued.

He also asked about the additional capacity that will be coming on line in the oven room. He wanted to know if the additional capacity will also cause other operations, specifically the adhesive coater, to have more emissions. I responded that the answer was no, with the disclaimer that I would need to see the permit for the existing adhesive line to verify what we put on the mass balances. I did discuss with him the potential for the second adhesive coater which will require us to use the incinerator and also require a permit.

We should see the letter Dennis is drafting in a week or so. He will send the letter to Bob.

If there are any questions or comments please contact me.

*****REVISED*****

I forgot to include this statement on the first issue of this memo. Dennis did state that he had performed several visual audits of our facility since his last visit and found us to be in compliance.