

EXHIBIT X.

Message

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Subject: PFOA Sampling



Andy,

The typo has been corrected, and the PFOA ppb conversion numbers have been added to the table. Joella will fax the new table as soon as she can. You may already have it.

As we discussed on the phone this morning, please keep in mind that there is no "validated" sampling/analytical method for detecting PFOA in air. Adirondack's chemists used an analytical method that was developed "in-house" based on similar materials tested for in the past. Without further research, we cannot be sure how sensitive this method is at detecting PFOA in the way that I sampled for. Changes in the molecular structure of PFOA as it is "used up" in the coating process could be sufficient to change the analytical detection patterns (i.e., what the lab analytically sees as PFOA) such that it is no longer the same material as the "pure" PFOA standard the lab uses to confirm detection. Also, PFOA could still be present in the samples (both the air and the bulk samples) but is bound up within the Teflon coating polymer making it undetectable. There are many more "what if(s)" that would need to be explored before I would feel comfortable saying that no fluoropolymer dispersion issues exist at Taconic.

Please let me know if I can be of further assistance.

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