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Ms. Leslie Fields
U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Licensing Branch, NMSS
MS-T8H7
Washington, DC 20555-0001

RE: QUESTIONS ON CHEMICAL AND FIRE HAZARDS

Dear Ms. Fields:

Cabot Performance Materials has gathered the documents and data as requested in your November 19, 1999 visit. CPM grants the NRC permission to make these files accessible to their contractors with the understanding that the material contained in these documents is considered proprietary and that they will be handled in a confidential manner. In addition, CPM requests that these documents be withheld from the public. These documents are being supplied for informational purposes only and have no impact on the status or requirements of CPM's NRC license, SMB-920.

As mentioned in our phone conversation, OSHA records for the past 3 years, will be made available for an "on-site" review by the NRC or their contractors. Due to the confidential data contained in these records they can not be removed from the CPM plant or photocopied.

In Table 8-1, "Occupational Safety Action Levels", of license SMB-920 renewal application (1994), several events and action levels are listed. Your contractor asked what CPM's "actions" would be if these levels are reached.

Some of these events and action levels have been changed or eliminated. In general, however, all action level exceedances, upon discovery, will be immediately investigated and addressed in a manner that will maintain all exposures ALARA. If required, CPM will notify the appropriate regulatory agencies in accordance with the specified "reporting" regulations.

If CPM can be of further assistance in this matter please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,
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