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RE: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT LIGHTBULB CRUSHING

Dear Ms. Hoditschek:

Per Stephanie Witkowski's conversation with Phillip Solano on August 21, I am writing to give you more information about the service of fluorescent lightbulb crushing we plan to provide to our customers.

Our plans are to provide our customers with the option of crushing their bulbs at their facility or at ours. If the customer prefers to have the bulbs crushed at our facility, the operation will be performed on the back dock. Rinchem estimates that the maximum frequency with which the crushing will occur at our facility is once a month.

The crusher we will be using will be a Prodeva #90 or 92 or equivalent which is mounted on top of a 55-gallon 17 H steel drum. The unit is sealed to the drum and the vacuum system creates a negative air environment which securely traps all mercury vapors within a disposable filter. The filter is changed at the end of the day of operation. We will send you a photograph of the unit that we have at one of our other facilities in a few days. We did not want to delay the delivery of this letter to wait for the photograph.

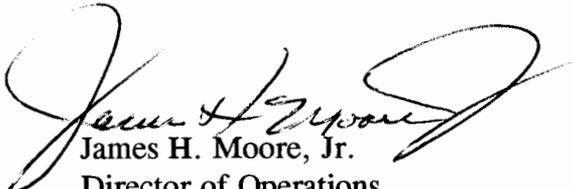
Rinchem will crush the lightbulbs to reduce the volume for transportation. As mentioned in previous letters, approximately 800 four-foot or 400 eight-foot crushed fluorescent bulbs will fit into a 55-gallon drum. In performing the crushing operation we would act as a broker for a recycling operation in Arizona or elsewhere. The drums of crushed bulb components and drums of mercury contaminated items (such as the filters, respirator cartridges and tyvek coveralls used by the employees, rags used to wipe down the drums and floor sweepings from the surrounding area where the crushing was performed) will be transported to a mercury recycler.

WE DO IT WELL

BECAUSE WE CARE

We hope that this information provides your department with what it needs to complete the administrative review of our permit reapplication so that the technical review can be started very soon. We are anxious to see this matter proceed as quickly as possible as it has been approximately three months since we responded to the administrative review and seven months since the application was submitted.

Thanks for your time and consideration of this matter,



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Director of Operations

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