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Mr. A. Fred Dohmann, General Manager
Fansteel Incorporated
Number Ten Tantalum Place
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74403-9297

Re: Request to decant pond #3 liquid to wastewater treatment
Permit Number OK0001643, Facility ID No. I-51000040

Dear Mr. Dohmann,

We have received your June 22, 2000, letter along with past regulatory correspondence regarding pond #3 wastewater treatment. This along with DEQ's June 15, 2000, site visit and an additional visit by Mr. Mark Thomason, permitting engineer on June 30, 2000, allowed DEQ to reach the following conclusions:

1. DEQ has determined that pond #3 wastewater is technically process water and is allowed to be treated and discharged through Outfall 001 by your existing NPDES/OPDES Joint Permit No. OK0001643.
2. The bypass line from the surge tank, prior to the evaporators which goes directly to Outfall 001 treatment facilities should be disconnected until a permit modification is requested and granted by DEQ. The previous permit modification did not include the bypassing of any remediation water to treatment and discharge.

Please contact Mr. Mark Thomason of our wastewater discharge permitting section at the letterhead address or at (405) 702-8213 should you have any questions regarding the permit modification process.

Sincerely,

Carl D. Parrott, P.E.
Division Engineer
Water Quality Division

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