

October 29, 2008

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SUBJECT: U.S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REQUIREMENTS FOR
SUSPENSION OF STEPAN LICENSE STC-1333 IN REGARDS TO BURIAL PIT 3

Dear. Mr. Hirata:

I am responding to your letter, dated September 25, 2008, requesting the suspension of the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) license STC-1333 for Burial Pit 3 at the Stepan Company site in Maywood, New Jersey. Your letter also informed the NRC that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) will take possession of Burial Pit 3 on November 17, 2008. Your letter constitutes fulfillment of the requirements of Article III.A., of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between USACE and NRC (66 FR 366606; July 12, 2001). Based upon your letter, NRC staff initiated suspension of the Stepan license.

In this regard, on October 21, 2008, NRC issued a Confirmatory Order Modifying License to Stepan Company. For your information, I have enclosed a copy of the final Order.

Consistent with MOU Article III.C.(1), NRC requests that USACE send written notification to the NRC when USACE has taken physical possession of Burial Pit 3. License suspension shall be effective upon the date of this written notification from USACE with respect to Burial Pit 3.

We will be contacting Stepan Company to schedule a meeting with them to discuss the implementation process in the order. We will inform you of the schedule for this meeting, should USACE wish to attend.

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If you have any questions concerning this letter, please contact Mr. Amir Kouhestani at (301) 415-0023. I look forward to working with you to implement the process set forth in the MOU.

Sincerely,

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Docket No.: 40-8610

License No.: STC-1333

Enclosure: NRC Confirmatory Order
Modifying License STC-1333

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