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SAFE DISPOSAL OF DRY TOLUENE AND CARBON TETRACHLORIDE

OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Dear Mr. Plumley:

Thank you for your letter asking for information about how to dispose of "dry" toluene and carbon tetrachloride safely. In addition, you asked whether it is safe to dispose of these wastes in the regular trash.

As you might be aware, regular trash is frequently disposed of in landfills. Toluene and carbon tetrachloride are chemicals with the potential to cause serious health risks when land disposed. Even though your wastes maybe "dry," other liquids in the landfill could mobilize these materials.

From your letter we can not determine whether you are a small quantity generator (SQG) of hazardous wastes. Therefore, if you are a SQG, you will find enclosed the brochure A Handbook for Small Business that explains how small quantity generators (see pages 6 to 9 for the definition) must comply with applicable Federal Laws. I also am enclosing the document Alternatives to Hazardous Wastes Landfill that describes available methods to treat regulated hazardous wastes prior to dispose them in a permitted RCRA hazardous wastes landfill.

If you have any questions regarding the SQG brochure or on your status as generator of hazardous waste please contact Dave Plant of our Regional Office at (214) 767-2600. EPA also maintains a toll free hotline for questions on hazardous waste disposal the number is 1-800-424-9346.

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For additional information on disposing of hazardous wastes safely, you can contact your local authorities. In Texas you can contact Ed Hatton of the Texas Water Commission at (512) 463-7754.

Sincerely,

Original Document signed

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Enclosure

cc: Dave Plant, Region VI

Ed Hatton,
Texas Water Commission