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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

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George (Rock) Pring, Chair
Hazardous Waste Commission
State of Colorado
Denver, Colorado 80222-1530

Dear Mr. Pring:

This letter is in response to your letter dated October 19, 1995, concerning data on the use of used oil as a dust suppressant. Specifically, you asked to be provided data that the Office of Solid Waste (OSW) relied on to ban the use of used oil as a dust suppressant, and used to allow the use of commercial dust suppressants. You also asked for any data OSW has concerning compressor oil or mineral oil.

The decision to ban the use of used oil as a dust suppression is discussed in the preamble to the Supplemental Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (56 FR 48034). That rulemaking and the references cited on dust suppression are enclosed. You also requested specific data on "climates, rainfall conditions and soil composition". No such information was evaluated by OSW in connection with the use of used oil as a dust suppressant.

OSW did not evaluate the use of commercial dust suppressants under this or any rulemaking because we have no authority to regulate commercial products (other than waste-derived or discarded commercial chemical products) under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Concerning your request for information on mineral oil and compressor oil, we searched databases of EPA documents produced under RCRA or Superfund authority for data on compressor oil and/or mineral oil. There were two references to data sent to EPA from industry sources as comments on a rulemaking. No EPA data were found in the database. If you would like more information

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on the two outside-EPA documents, please call the RCRA Docket at(703)603-9230 and refer to documents: F-91-UOLP #415E and F-92-U02F #8.

If you have any further questions concerning data supporting EPA's decision to ban the use of used oil as a dust suppressant please have your staff contact Tracy Bone at(202)260-3509 or the RCRA Docket at (703)603-9230.

Sincerely,

David Bussard, Director
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