

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

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Mr. Lee Davidson, President
Parks Corporation
1083 County Street
Summerset, Massachusetts 02726

Dear Mr. Davidson:

The purpose of this letter is to inform you that your company's practice of listing the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) RCRA/Superfund/OUST Hotline telephone on some paint can labels may be in violation of the Unfair Competition Statutes at 15 U.S.C. §45, administered by the Federal Trade Commission.

It has been brought to our attention that some paint can labels manufactured by Parks Corporation read "EPA Solvent Hotline, (800) 424-9346" or "For consumer satisfaction, call (800) 424-9346." This is a misleading representation of EPA's RCRA/Superfund/OUST Hotline. The purpose of EPA's Hotline is to answer questions from the public, the regulated community, and local governments about EPA's Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, Superfund, and Underground Storage Tank regulations. Therefore, we request that your company stop listing the Hotline's telephone number in any way suggesting that it answers consumer questions about paint.

Enclosed is a brochure about EPA's RCRA/Superfund/OUST Hotline for your information. If you have any questions, please contact Barbara Roth, Project Officer, at (202) 260-2858.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Sylvia K. Lowrance, Director
Office of Solid Waste

Enclosure

cc: Federal Trade Commission