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OFFICE OF SOLID WASTE AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE

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Mr. Chuck Kreider  
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Dear Mr. Kreider:

This is in response to your letter of February 22, 1990 to Mr. Jace Cuje of Geo-Resource Consultants, Inc. (the RCRA/Superfund Hotline) concerning the commercial chemical product listing (40 CFR 261.33) for xylene (EPA Hazardous Waste No. U239). Specifically, you wanted to know if the listing for dimethyl benzene ( a chemical synonym for xylene) was listed for ignitability and toxicity, or ignitability only.

On April 22, 1988, the Agency promulgated technical corrections to the 261.33 listings. (See 53 FR 13382.) In the process of doing this, the Agency added Chemical Abstracts Service (CAS) numbers to the listed chemicals, as well as chemical synonyms, to make understanding these regulations easier on the regulated community. After these corrections appeared in the Federal Register and the Code of Federal Regulations, we realized that a few typographical errors had been made. The case of dimethyl benzene is one of them. The listing for "benzene, dimethyl" (U239, CAS No. 1330-20-7) should be only for ignitability. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

Thank you for your inquiry. If you have any additional questions, please contact Ron Josephson of my staff at (202) 475-6715 or the RCRA/Superfund Hotline at (800) 424-9346.

Sincerely,

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