



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
REGION 5  
77 WEST JACKSON BOULEVARD  
CHICAGO, IL 60604-3590

REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF

MAY 06 2004

(AE-17J)

**CERTIFIED MAIL**  
**RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

Julie Kendall, Environmental Specialist  
Cognis Corporation  
2525 South Kensington Road  
Kankakee, Illinois 60901

Re: Finding of Violation  
Cognis Corporation  
Kankakee, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Kendall.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is issuing the enclosed Finding of Violation (FOV) to Cognis Corporation (you). We find that you are violating Section 112 of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7412, at your Kankakee, Illinois facility.

We have several enforcement options under Section 113(a)(3) of the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7413(a)(3). These options include issuing an administrative compliance order, issuing an administrative penalty order, and bringing a judicial civil or criminal action. The options we select may depend on, among other things, the length of time you take to achieve and demonstrate continuous compliance with the rules cited in the FOV.

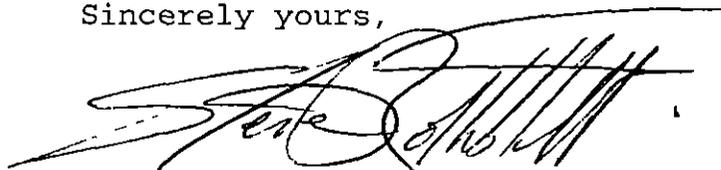
We are offering you an opportunity to confer with us about the violations alleged in the FOV. The conference will give you the opportunity to present information on the specific findings of violation, the efforts you have taken to comply, and the steps you will take to prevent future violations.

Please plan for your facility's technical and management personnel to attend the conference to discuss compliance measures and commitments. You may have an attorney represent you at this conference.

The U.S. EPA contacts in this matter are Ray Cullen and Constantinos Loukeris. You may call them at (312) 886-0538 and

(312) 353-6198, respectively, to request a conference. You should make the request as soon as possible, but no later than 10 calendar days after you receive this letter. We should hold any conference within 30 calendar days of your receipt of this letter.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Stephen Rothblatt", written over a horizontal line.

Stephen Rothblatt, Director  
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure

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