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Re: Effective Permit Approval  
Initial Issuance  
Permit Number: O1331  
BASF Corporation  
BASF Pasadena Plant  
Pasadena, Harris County  
Regulated Entity Number: RN100225689  
Customer Reference Number: CN600124895

Dear Mr. Bhandari:

The effective federal operating permit (FOP) for BASF Corporation, BASF Pasadena Plant is enclosed. This FOP constitutes authority to operate the emission units identified in the FOP application.

All site operating permits are subject to public petition for 60 days following the expiration of the 45-day U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) review. The public petition period for the FOP extends from November 6, 2004 until January 4, 2005. If the EPA receives a valid petition and objects to the above-referenced permit, you will be notified promptly by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

It should be noted that from the date of this letter BASF Corporation, BASF Pasadena Plant must operate in accordance with the requirements of Title 30 Texas Administrative Code Chapter 122 (30 TAC Chapter 122) and the FOP. Some of the terms and conditions contained in the FOP include recordkeeping conditions, reporting conditions (which includes deviation reporting), and compliance certification conditions. All reports, along with any questions regarding the reports, shall be forwarded to the TCEQ's Houston Regional Office, 5425 Polk Avenue, Suite H, Houston, Texas 77023-1486.

Consistent with 30 TAC Chapter 122, Subchapter C, the permit holder shall submit an application to the Air Permits Division (APD) for a revision to an FOP for those activities

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at a site which change, add, or remove one or more FOP terms or conditions. The permit holder shall also submit an application to the APD for a revision to a permit to address the following: the adoption of an applicable requirement previously designated as federally enforceable only; the promulgation of a new applicable requirement; the adoption of a new state-only requirement; or a change in a state-only designation.

Please reference the regulated entity number (RN), customer reference number (CN), and permit number noted in this document in all your future correspondence for the referenced facility or site. The RN replaces the former TCEQ account number for the facility (if portable) or site (if permanent). The CN is a unique number assigned to the company or corporation and applies to all facilities and sites owned or operated by this company or corporation.

Thank you again for your cooperation in this matter. If you have questions concerning the review or this notice, please contact Mr. J. Gumaro Rodriguez at (512) 239-5780.

Sincerely,

Glenn Shankle  
Executive Director  
Texas Commission on Environmental Quality

GS/JR/js

cc: Mr. Rex Shuff, Regional Environmental Manager, BASF Corporation, Pasadena  
Don Turner, M.D., Director, Health Department, The City of Pasadena, Pasadena  
Mr. Rob Barrett, Director, Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services,  
Pollution  
Control Department, Pasadena  
Ms. Karen Atkinson, Air Section Manager, Region 12 - Houston

Enclosure: Effective Permit

cc: Air Permit Section Chief, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 6, Dallas

Project Number: 1331

bcc: Michael De La Cruz, TCEQ Office of Environmental Policy, Analysis & Assessment, Industrial Emissions Assessment Section (MC-164), Austin