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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1993

Mr. William R. Toller
Chairman and CEO
Witco Corporation
520 Madison Avenue
New York, N.Y. 10022-4236

Dear Mr. Toller:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your concerns about toxic waste cleanup and liability under Superfund. It was good to hear from you.

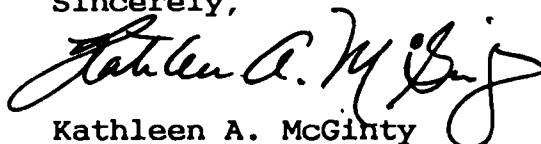
As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. In his first State of the Union address, the President reaffirmed his goal to increase the efficiency of toxic waste cleanup, as well as to decrease the numerous liability lawsuits associated with Superfund sites.

Last year, Administrator Browner established the Superfund Committee of the National Advisory Council on Environmental Policy and Technology (NACEPT), which has evaluated the Superfund program, identified administrative and legislative options to improve the program, and assessed the advantages and disadvantages of these options. We are currently reviewing NACEPT's recommendations for improving the program along with the views of other stakeholders, as we move toward Superfund reauthorization.

I certainly appreciate learning your concerns about liability and remedy selection issues in light of the upcoming Superfund reauthorization. Rest assured that we will keep your views in mind as we continue our efforts to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Superfund program.

Again, thank you for sharing your thoughts with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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William R. Toller

Chairman of the Board

Chief Executive Officer

December 15, 1993

Kathleen McGinty
Director
Office of Environmental Policy
Old Executive Office Building
17th Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20501

Dear Ms. McGinty:

I am writing to voice Witco's views on the issues surrounding Superfund reform and reauthorization. The Administration and Congress have a timely opportunity here to resolve the real problems with the Superfund process and fix those aspects that are not contributing to permanent and workable solutions.

First, joint and several liability has been a major contributor to the legal morass that has swamped Superfund because the issue of fairness is not clearly defined. We urge you to support a mandatory, binding system that would allocate liability proportionally among responsible parties and assign "orphan shares" to the Superfund Trust Fund. The overriding consideration here should be to establish a standard of fairness and broad based support for the Superfund process among all the major groups involved -- industry, municipalities, and government. Any attempts to limit liability through arbitrary caps or exemptions is unfair and will, therefore, undermine the entire process.

Second, by the same token, inflexibility in clean up standards will also continue to inhibit progress. The proposal being considered to establish national clean up standards for certain chemicals is unrealistic, as is the continuation of the statutory preference for permanent remedies, and would bind remediation at some sites to solutions that would be prohibitively costly and would not account for future use considerations. Instead, a mechanism should be established to assure realistic risk assessment and the economic viability of clean up standards that will, above a minimum threshold, adapt them to suitable future uses.

As a Chemical Manufacturers Association member and strong supporter of the Responsible Care program, Witco shoulders its fair share of the burden and stands ready to do its part. We need comprehensive solutions to the Superfund dilemma, not piece-meal, divisive exclusions brought about by special interests. The Clinton Administration has demonstrated courage and vision to date in its handling of the tough issues facing our country. We at Witco join our colleagues in the chemical processing industry to encourage you to support a progressive revamping of Superfund and maintain the positive momentum in this country.

Sincerely,



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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

Dear Susie and Sam -

Just wanted to thank
you for your kindness in
sharing with me your lovely
home for the dinner Saturday
evening. I am sorry you couldn't
join us & I would have enjoyed
the opportunity to meet you. But
the evening was terrific and has
further energized me to take
on the challenges ahead.
All the best.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Susie Tompkins
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San Francisco
California 94118

THE WHITE HOUSE

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January 12, 1994

Mrs. Thomas Thagard, Jr.
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Montgomery, AL 36106

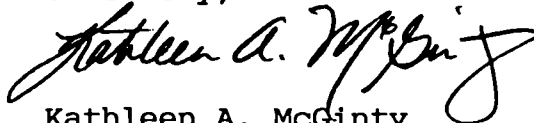
Dear Mrs. Thagard:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about chip mills located in the Tennessee River Valley. It was good hearing from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's and Vice President Gore's commitment to the preservation of our environment. I understand your concerns about the potential environmental impacts of chip mills on the adjacent rivers, as well as the impacts of timber harvesting in regions surrounding the mills. I have notified the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency and the Acting Assistant Secretary of Civil Works of your thoughts in this matter. I am sure that your concerns will be given every consideration.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Kathleen A. McGinty". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Kathleen" and last name "McGinty" clearly legible.

Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
Environmental Policy

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Dear Ms. Mc Ginty:

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~~Please urge~~ ~~senators & representatives~~
to fight against non-sustainable
forest practices now occurring in the
Southeast by multi-national timber
conglomerates, especially chip mills.
Continue to oppose the Army Corps
attempt to circumvent the law by
ignoring the environmental damages.

Thank you, Rhett Ragard

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 3, 1994

Dr. and Ms. Reuben J. Tofte
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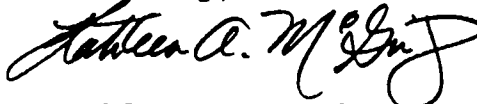
Dear Dr. and Ms. Tofte:

Thank you for contacting me regarding your thoughts about chlorine. It was good to hear from you.

As you know, I share President Clinton's commitment to the preservation of our environment in a way that leads to strong and sustainable economic growth. I certainly appreciate learning your thoughts about protecting our nation's valuable natural resources and about the use of chlorine in manufacturing industries. Rest assured that this Administration will continue in its efforts to promote environmental sustainability.

Again, thank you for sharing your views with me.

Sincerely,



Kathleen A. McGinty
Director, White House Office on
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Katie McGinty

Deputy asst to the President

Director of White House Environmental Policy

Ms McGinty:

My wife and I are in
complete agreement with U.S.
Rep. James Oberstar in regard to
the chlorine-free executive order.
Minnesota's Pollution Control
Agency has to be the most lax
of any in the U.S.A.

Respectfully
R. J. Tofto

Dr. Reuben J. Tofto
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Tofto, MN 55615 2187

PCA shows concern for business, not lake

After reading the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's comments on the Great Lakes Initiative, it is clear their concern is for the industries degrading the lake. Proof of this is their suggestion that, instead of restrictions on each point source, pollution shares be allowed that would let powerful industrial polluters buy their way from other industries.

This would not help the areas with extreme toxic stress such as the St. Louis River system.

After reading U.S. Rep. James Ober-

star's letter to Katie McGinty, deputy assistant to the president and director of White House environmental policy, it is clear he's protecting the health of the lake and those living near these plants.

If you care about the lake or the health of your loved ones and support the chlorine-free executive order, write: Katie McGinty, Old Executive Office Building, Room 310, Washington, D.C. 20501.

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