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February 25, 2005

Mr. Gregory Wallen
American Silicones, Inc.
P.O. Box 90
Garrett, IN 46738-0090

Re: Response to Review Request No. 033-20793:
Permit status evaluation
Plant ID: 033-00075

Dear Mr. Wallen:

American Silicones, Inc. was issued a Federally Enforceable State Operating Permit (FESOP) No. 033-14394-00075 on January 2, 2002 for a stationary amorphous silicone dioxide manufacturing operation located at 420 N. Taylor Road, Garrett, Indiana 46738. A letter notifying the Office of Air Quality of a change to the operations was received on February 15, 2005. The source plans to replace one of the existing mixers (Mixer #5) with another existing mixer (Mixer #9) of the same type and capacity as the mixer being replaced. The Mixer #9 will comply with the same applicable requirements and permit terms and conditions as Mixer #5, and will not increase the source's potential to emit of regulated criteria pollutants or hazardous air pollutants.

The OAQ has determined that construction and operation of Mixer #9 will not require modification of the existing FESOP No. 033-14394-00075, since the description of the batch mixing operation described in Sections A.2(d) and D.1(d) does not specify an emission unit identification for the mixer being replaced (i.e., Mixer #5). In addition, the source is not required to obtain pre-construction approval for these operational changes. The source will continue to operate subject to the conditions contained in the existing FESOP No. 033-14394-00075.

Questions should be directed to Nathan C. Bell, OAQ, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana, 46204, at 317-234-3350 or at 1-800-451-6027 (ext 43350).

Sincerely,

Origin signed by

Paul Dubenetzky, Chief
Permits Branch
Office of Air Quality

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cc: File - Dekalb County
Dekalb County Health Department
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Permit Tracking