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To: Plating and Polishing Operations

Subject: New Federal Regulations-Initial Notification Forms Due October 29, 2008

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) recently finalized rules for existing and new plating and polishing operations that include any of the following: electroplating (other than chromium electroplating); electroless or non-electrolytic plating; other non-electrolytic metal coating (such as chromate conversion coating, nickel acetate sealing, sodium dichromate sealing and manganese phosphate coating) and thermal spraying; dry mechanical polishing; electroforming; and electropolishing. Requirements in the rule only apply IF those operations use or emit the metal hazardous air pollutants (HAPs) from materials that contain at least 0.1% in weight of cadmium (Cd), chromium (Cr), lead (Pb), or nickel (Ni) and at least 1.0% of manganese (Mn) as reported on the Material Safety Data Sheet for that material.

You are receiving this mailing because we believe you are potentially impacted by this new regulation. You must submit the enclosed Initial Notification Form to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources and USEPA by October 29, 2008 (or upon start up for new or reconstructed facilities).

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We have enclosed a USEPA brochure and "Brief Summary" outlining the basic elements of these regulations for your review. This rule requires control devices and/or management practices for the operations listed above. *(NOTE: These requirements are independent of any existing state regulations for your facility.)*

In order to determine your facility's specific regulatory requirements, we recommend that you to read 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart WWWW – *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Source Category: Plating and Polishing Operations* and 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart A – *National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories, Subpart A – General Provisions*. The regulations can be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/ttn/atw/area/arearules.html#current>.

Please direct specific questions regarding this regulation to the Region 5 office of USEPA as indicated on the brochure. For basic questions on how to complete the form you may contact me at 608-264-6153.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Renee Lesjak Bashel". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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