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OFFICE OF AIR QUALITY PLANNING AND STANDARDS

Mr. Michael Basore Plant Manager Innovia Films 6000 SE 2nd Street Tecumseh, KS 66542-9609

Dear Mr. Basore:

This is in response to your August 26, 2012 letter, where you asked to use a sulfur dioxide (SO₂) continuous emission monitoring system (CEMS) in place of hydrogen sulfide (H₂S) and carbon disulfide (CS₂) CEMS. These CEMS would be used to measure total sulfides at the inlet and outlet of control devices on the process vents at the Innovia Films facility in Tecumseh, KS. This facility is subject to 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart UUUU - National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Cellulose Products Manufacturing. Under Subpart UUUU, you are allowed to demonstrate compliance of the process vent control device by measuring H₂S and CS₂. You desire to use a wet-basis SO₂ CEMS that dilutes and dries the sample before converting the sulfides to SO₂ for subsequent measurement. This SO₂ would be converted to CS₂ equivalents, which serves as the basis for the standard. You ask that this technique be approved, since it is an accepted practice for sulfides in similar regulated industries.

At your facility, you plan to monitor SO_2 on both the tall stack and the vent line to the flare. The CS_2 added to the CBX and the CS_2 recovered in recovery will be determined. From this, a mass balance will be calculated. The CS_2 lost from the system to the waste water treatment plant will be measured by difference. Your calculations for this mass balance and subsequent calculation for control efficiency appears workable.

From our review of your proposal, we find it should produce the results intended in the testing requirements. This technology of measuring reduced sulfur as SO₂ is allowed and has worked well in other regulated industries. We, therefore, approve your request to use an SO₂ CEMS in place of H₂S and CS₂ CEMS to measure total sulfides at process vents. This alternative method approval is granted for Subpart UUUU of 40 CFR Part 63. Since this approval is applicable to other facilities wishing to use these options, we will be posting this letter on our web site at http://www.epa.gov/ttn/emc/approalt.html for use by other interested parties.

If you have further questions in this matter, please contact Foston Curtis of my group at (919)541-1063.

Sincerely,

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