

September 23, 1968

Mr. Robert Chonoles - Newark
Plant Manager

Mr. W. R. Taylor - Cleveland Cent. Engr.

The Newark Plant has been cited by the Corps of Engineers for the discharge of an acid stream. A copy of the letter from the Corps of Engineers is attached.

It has been our experience in other parts of the country that the Corps of Engineers is quite active in the pollution field despite their lack of background and competence. Their authority is based on the law referred to in their letter and they are capable of considerable harassment.

Since this situation will be harmful to Diamond's image and be in direct conflict with established policy, I am asking Al Gregoric to investigate and propose alternative means of handling this particular effluent. We should at the same time institute a thorough review of the Newark Plant to see if there are other areas currently in violation. Since we can look forward to intense activity on the Passaic River I would like to see everything discharged to the city sewer and kept out of the Passaic, except uncontaminated cooling water.

Mr. Gregoric will be in touch with you in a few days.

W. R. Taylor

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Attachment

cc: Mr. R. A. Guidi
Mr. A. L. Gregoric

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