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Illinois Pollution Control Board Grants Provisional Variance to General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems, Inc.

Chicago – On June 19, 2003, the Illinois Pollution Control Board (Board) granted to General Dynamics Ordnance and Tactical Systems Inc. (GDOTS) a 45-day provisional variance from the hazardous waste accumulation time requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134. The provisional variance will allow GDOTS to keep one 30-gallon drum of black powder contaminated material and eight 30-gallon drums of RP-1315 Propellant, wet with water, on-site at its facility in Marion for longer than the allowable 90 days, due to unforeseen, temporary and uncontrollable circumstances. An extension of the 90-day period via a provisional variance is specifically provided for in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134(b). The provisional variance will allow GDOTS to obtain the necessary approval from the U.S. Department of Transportation prior to shipping the material.

The provisional variance period begins on June 12, 2003, and continues until July 14, 2003 for one 30-gallon drum of black powder contaminated material. The provisional variance for eight 30-gallon drums of RP-1315 Propellant, wet with water, will begin on June 11, 2003 and continues until July 11, 2003.

On June 17, 2003, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) recommended that the Board grant the provisional variance. This request was docketed as PCB 03-231. The Board granted the provisional variance based on the IEPA's notification that compliance with the hazardous waste accumulation time requirements of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 722.134 would impose an arbitrary or unreasonable hardship on GDOTS.

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