

February 5, 1997

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Dear Mr. Hebert:

This is a response to the letter dated January 17, 1997 from Bruce McLeod seeking a construction permit exemption for the crude DME tank (ID number 416 TA 470) installation at your facility. Based on the information provided we have concluded that your operation will not be a significant source of air emissions, specifically Volatile Organic Solvents (VOC). Thus, there are no air permitting or testing requirements at this time.

From the letter, it is our understanding that emissions from the tank will be collected by an existing process off-gas collection system, thus the tank will not vent to the atmosphere.

This is not an exemption from any other regulatory, permitting or licensing requirements which may be applicable. This determination may be revoked if the operation is substantially modified in ways that would significantly affect air emissions. [FAC Rule 62-210.300(3)(a)23] It is your responsibility to notify us if such changes occur.

Please keep this letter, along with other permitting and regulatory documentation, for future reference. If you have any questions or comments please call Armando Sarasua at (904) 444-8364.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Ed K. Middleswart, P.E.
Air Program Administrator

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cc: DEP Division of Air Resources Management, Tallahassee