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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION I

J. F. KENNEDY FEDERAL BUILDING, BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02203

February 5, 1982

Robert A. MacGregor
Executive Vice President
Acushnet Capacitor Company
P.O. Box B-972
New Bedford, MA 02741

Dear Mr. MacGregor:

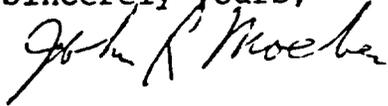
We have recently reviewed your NPDES permit application. We regret that action has been delayed on this application for so long. Unfortunately, it has become necessary for EPA to request information which was not requested in our previous correspondence, pursuant to EPA's authority under section 308 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1318.

In June, 1981, representatives of EPA sampled soil from the outfall through which Acushnet Capacitor discharges to determine the presence of polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs"). The results showed a concentration of PCBs of 200 parts per million (ppm) in the sample from the upstream end of the outfall, and 22,000 ppm from the downstream end. The correspondence we have on file with your permit application indicates that you have never tested your effluent for PCBs, presumably because you do not use PCBs in your production processes. Because of the June, 1981, sample results, we feel it is necessary that your effluent be sampled for PCBs, and the results added to your permit application. The effluent should be sampled both at the point of discharge from the building occupied by Acushnet Capacitor, and at the end of the outfall through which the effluent is discharged into the Acushnet River. If this information is currently available from your own sampling program, new sampling is not required.

We are also enclosing Application Forms 1 - General Information and 2C - Wastewater Discharge Information, which must be completed and returned to this office. The above information should all be submitted within 180 days. The information contained in these forms is needed in order to update your file and draft your NPDES permit.

If you have any questions, please call Gerald Potamis, an engineer on the staff of the Permits Branch, at (617) 223-5005, or Charles Bering, an attorney on the staff of the Enforcement Branch, at (617) 223-5470.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Moebes".

John R. Moebes
Acting Director
Enforcement Division

cc: MA DWPC

Enc. Permit Application Forms