



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION IX

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Anil Sharma
President
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Dear Messrs. Sharma:

Please find attached a Complaint and Notice of Opportunity for Hearing ("Complaint") which we are filing. It relates to the illegal export of polychlorinated biphenyls ("PCBs") on board the M/V Oceanic in violation of the Toxic Substances Control Act ("TSCA"). We understand that the M/V Oceanic left the United States on February 8, 2008 and is being towed to a foreign country, with the intention of scrapping and reclaiming metals and other materials from the ship.

We encourage you to take immediate steps to address this continuing violation and to ensure that the disposal of this vessel does not result in the release of PCBs into the environment. If you are no longer the owner of the vessel, we encourage you to work with the new owners to prevent the release of PCBs. If you have already taken steps to remove PCBs and other hazardous substances from the vessel prior to its export, please provide us with further details on those actions.

In the event that the vessel does not return to the mainland United States, you should under no circumstances abandon the ship. In the event that the vessel continues to a foreign country for metals reclamation, we encourage you to cooperate with local authorities in ensuring the proper disposition of PCBs or any other hazardous substances remaining on board the vessel. Please be aware that the importation of these materials may also be in violation of the laws of the destination country.

In addition, please review the attached Small Business Regulatory Enforcement and Fairness Act ("SBREFA") Information Sheet, which is designed to provide information on compliance assistance and inform small businesses of their rights to comment to the SBREFA Ombudsman concerning EPA enforcement activities. Be

aware that SBREFA does not eliminate your responsibility to respond to this Complaint within the allowed time nor does it create any new rights or defenses under the law.

Please notify Margaret Alkon in the Office of Regional Counsel at (415) 972-3890 as soon as you receive this letter and Complaint so that we may discuss how you wish to proceed. This matter is of the utmost seriousness and urgency and we encourage you to cooperate fully in its resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Nancy Lindsay', written over the typed name.

Nancy Lindsay
Acting Director
Waste Management Division

Enclosures