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FEMA: Potassium Permanganate



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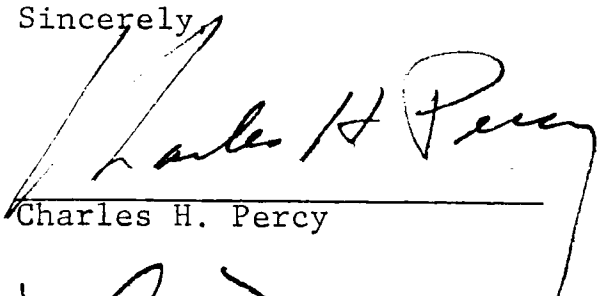
Dear Mr. Giuffrida:

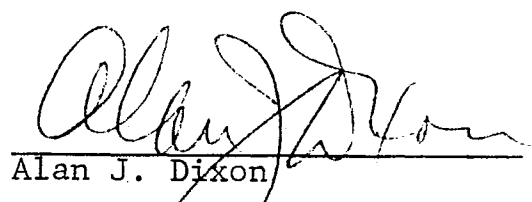
The Illinois Congressional Delegation has been contacted by the Carus Chemical Co. of LaSalle, Illinois, about discussions between the company and FEMA regarding the stockpiling of potassium permanganate. As you know, Carus Chemical Co. is the only U.S. and Free World manufacturer which is capable of meeting the West's needs for this important civilian and military commodity.

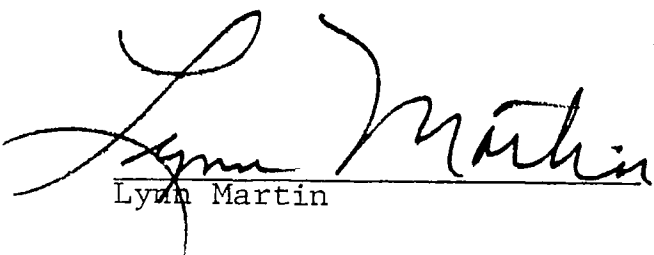
The Delegation understands that FEMA has acknowledged the essential national security interests which are served by stockpiling potassium permanganate. The Delegation also understands that a commitment by FEMA to stockpile the material under the Defense Production Act must be made in the immediate future or the company will be forced to cease operations. Clearly, the risk to national security raised by the loss of the sole U.S. producer of potassium permanganate must be remedied.

The Delegation, therefore, urges you to expedite your consideration of this matter. The Delegation is concerned that a delay in designation of this stockpile will have grave consequences on U.S. security.

Sincerely,


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