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REGION III
6TH AND WALNUT STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

In Reply Refer To: 3EN32

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Mr. Harold Weisberg
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Dear Mr. Weisberg:

This letter is in response to your letter of October 18, 1980 to Ms. Shirley Bulkin of this office. In June of this year, EPA mailed approximately 400,000 Notification packages concerning the Hazardous Waste Regulations which were promulgated in May. Due to the extreme time constraints placed upon the Agency and the regulated community by Congress in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976, the Agency decided to undertake this mass mailing in an attempt to directly notify as many potential handlers of hazardous waste as possible. The list used for this mailing was provided to EPA by contractor, Wapora, Inc. and was by their own admission one which was not necessarily totally complete or accurate. Wapora used any number of sources for the list including Dun and Bradstreet, Industrial directories and even telephone books.

The fact that you are not a handler of hazardous waste and are not at the address on the notification package sent to you is not, then, a totally unexpected occurrence. The Agency received back many undeliverable notification packages and has received many contacts from individuals and companies which received packages but do not handle hazardous waste. We are certain, also, that a large number of recipients of notification packages determined that the requirements of the regulations were not applicable to them and merely threw them away.

The Agency has not intended to, and has not, harassed anyone concerning the sending or receipt of the package. We regret any inconvenience that this may have caused you and hope that the aggravation which this has apparently caused you is reduced by the assurance that there has been no fraud or conspiracy or intent to invade your privacy by the mailing of this notification package. The Agency is not in position to investigate the activities of Dun and Bradstreet or any other company concerning the allegations which you have made, but will assure you that

the Wapora list from which your name was used is not being used by the Agency for future activities concerning the Hazardous Waste Regulations.

I hope that this is a sufficient response to your letter. If you have any further questions, please contact me at the above address or at (215) 597-8915.

Sincerely yours,



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cc: Shirley Bulkin