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Dear Ms. Sullivan:

On March 21, 2002, representatives of the DEQ and the EPA conducted a joint RCRA Compliance Evaluation Inspection of the University of Mississippi (EPA ID#MSD981865470). As a result of the inspection, the University was cited for having several open five gallon satellite accumulation containers.

In response to the above noted violation, the University of Mississippi has instituted several policy and program modifications to ensure that this violation does not occur in the future. All containers were immediately closed when they were discovered during the inspection. The individuals responsible, although no longer employed at the University, were verbally warned of the significance of their violation, and they were reminded of the proper method for filling and immediately recapping the accumulation containers. The department chairs responsible were notified of the deficiency and were advised to send reminders to all their employees and graduate students of the proper way to collect waste solvents - while stressing the proper closing and labeling of containers.

We have also updated our initial hazardous waste training to include an emphasis on keeping accumulation containers closed and have added questions to the Chemical Safety test covering this important issue. Our future plans call for phasing out the current Jerrican containers in favor of solvent containers that either have self closing lids, or containers with openings that do not require funnels.

Again, I would like to thank you and the other members of the inspection team for the thoroughness, efficiency and professionalism shown to my staff, the faculty and the students during this inspection.

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