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DENKA TO FILE REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Denka Performance Elastomer (DPE) operates in compliance with all permits written by state and federal regulators.

DPE voluntarily committed to implement several projects designed to reduce its emissions of chloroprene by approximately 85% in accordance with an Administrative Order on Consent (AOC) developed and signed in partnership with the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) in January 2017. The company completed installation and began operation of the equipment described in the AOC, including a Regenerative Thermal Oxidizer (RTO), by the end of 2017 at a final cost of over \$30 million. DPE expects to see ambient concentration levels continue to reduce over the next few months.

DPE and third-party scientists reviewed the 2010 Toxicological Review of Chloroprene when it was released in late 2015 and found basic scientific issues with its conclusions. Accordingly, DPE submitted a formal Request for Correction to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The agency denied the company's request in its January 25, 2018 decision. Based on the careful examination of the agency's decision, DPE is in the process of filing a request for reconsideration and will continue to be in dialogue with EPA.

DPE has 235 full-time employees, 125 resident contractors, and a total annual payroll of \$35 million. A large number of DPE's employees are residents of the River parishes, and total taxes and purchases result in a contribution to the local and regional economies of approximately \$80 million per year.

Denka Performance Elastomer has been committed to protecting the environment as well as the health and safety of its employees and community, through compliance with applicable environmental permits and regulations.