



January 22, 2005

Ms. Celeste Powers
Executive Director
Independent Lubricant Manufacturers Association
Alexandria, VA

Dear Celeste:

The AEATF II consists of 40 companies that have agreed with EPA and other regulatory agencies to generate generic exposure data on a broad range of biocide use pattern/application method combinations and post application exposures to support registration and reregistration of such uses for most antimicrobial active ingredients.

One of the studies we have promised to EPA is a worker/bystander exposure in a machining site using metalworking fluids. We would like to enlist the help of your member companies to find a volunteer site for the conduct of this study.

We would like to find a way to broadcast this to the ILMA membership in a fair and equitable way. An ILMA member company volunteering for the study would benefit from the safety data we would be generating and the educational value that could be derived from training of the workforce at the volunteer facility.

As you discussed with Rich Kraska, chairperson of the work group for this study, a Flashpoint to members linked to information on your website would be an acceptable means of communication. Attached is draft for the Flashpoint and supporting information that could be posted on your website.

We hope you will consider our request. Dr. Kraska will be calling you in the next few days to get your input on the best way to solicit the ILMA membership. Thank you for your cooperation on this important issue for the metalworking fluid industry.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hasmukh Shah". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hasmukh Shah
Manager, Biocides Panel
AEATF II