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To: Members of ULC Advisory Council and other Interested Parties

Subject: Clarification to Intent of Clause 1.3 contained in ULC/ORD C58.9-1997, Secondary Containment Liners for Underground and Aboveground Flammable and combustible Liquid tanks” CCN: EGYCC

This Bulletin is to provide additional clarification to Regulatory Authorities, Users and other Interested Parties of the intent of clause 1.3 contained in ULC/ORD C58.9-1997, “Secondary Containment Liners for Underground and Aboveground Flammable and combustible Liquid tanks”

Clause 1.3 states contains the following:

“ Liners are intended to contain overflow or spills of stored product for a long enough period to allow removal and cleanup without release of spilled material to the environment.”

The intent of this statement is to alert Regulatory Authorities, Users and Other Interested Parties that it is essential for the timely removal and cleanup of any flammable or combustible liquid, which has spilled from the primary containment device, such as a tank into the secondary container liner. ULC certified liners are not intended for the long-term storage of flammable or combustible liquids. There are many factors, which must be considered including but not limited to type of monitoring, inspection frequency, type of liquid storage, location, consideration to amount of precipitation and other weather related effects etc... Liners are intended for installation in accordance with the National Fire Code of Canada as well as any applicable environmental regulations and requirements. Additional considerations can be found in the Environmental Code of Practice for Aboveground and Underground Storage Tank Systems Containing Petroleum and Allied Petroleum Products published by the Canadian Council on Ministers of the Environment as well as in provincial regulations.

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In summary the secondary liner is not intended for long term or permanent storage and adequate means of monitoring and cleanup is required along with the proper use and installation of the secondary liner. ULC/ORD C58.9 is in process of been elevated and developed into a National Standard of Canada and is expected to go thru a comprehensive review and revision. We expect that Clause 1.3 will be clarified formally during this process.

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