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**Water Monitoring, Assessment &  
Protection Division**

**Subject: Wix, Dillon Facility  
Site ID # 03139  
Dillon County  
Response to DHEC Letter of 12/19/2005**

Dear Mr. Forrest,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with Wix Filtration Corporation (Wix) representatives on Tuesday morning January 17, 2006 regarding the above referenced matter. As we discussed, Affinia Group, Inc.'s subsidiary, Wix, operates the manufacturing facility in Dillon, SC where we met. Recent utility work associated with a broken water line at the Wix site resulted in the detection of Volatile Organic Compounds (VOCs) in subsurface soils and shallow ground water. Wix has previously reported this release on December 9, 2005 to DHEC and is proceeding with work necessary to address this issue.

As we discussed, Wix is researching operational practices historically employed at the plant in an effort to identify potential sources of the detected constituents. This effort will require several weeks as many historical records are centrally located off-site and individuals with institutional knowledge bearing on this issue must be contacted and interviewed. The information developed will be used to focus Wix's approach to defining the horizontal and vertical extent of impact. Wix will prepare and submit a Work Plan for your review prior to implementing further field activities.

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The Work Plan will present available information regarding past processes at the plant that may have resulted in a release to the environment. It will also include a review of current practices insofar as they might influence Wix's plan of action going forward. In addition, the Work Plan will include specification of procedures that may be used in future assessment and reporting to facilitate efficient prosecution of the assessment and other activities that might be necessary.

We anticipate that the draft Work Plan will be available for your review in six to eight weeks.

Wix looks forward to working with SCDHEC on this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ken McCutcheon'.

Ken McCutcheon  
Plant Manager

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Cc: Rich Pfahey