

U.S. Department of Labor

Mine Safety and Health Administration
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August 8, 2001

DCL International, Inc.
Attention: Mr. Joe Aleixo
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Concord, Ontario, L4K 1B2
Canada

Dear Mr. Aleixo:

The Approval and Certification Center's (A&CC), Mechanical Safety Division (MSD), received your letter dated, July 11, 2001, regarding the diesel particulate filter products. Titan™, BlueSky™, and MINE-X®, that you plan to market to the mining industry.

In your letter, you stated that the Cordierite and Silicon Carbide filter substrates were tested and accepted by VERT. Based on the VERT data, an 85% reduction in diesel particulate matter (dpm) was established for the Corning Cordierite substrate, 100 cells/in² (MINE-X®) and an 87% reduction in dpm for the Ividen Silicon Carbide 200 cells/in² substrate (Titan™ & BlueSky™).

Mine operator's equipment inventories must list each diesel-powered machine and the efficiency of the dpm filter that is installed on each machine. The filter device must be installed and maintained according to your manufacturing specifications. We reviewed the information you provided and agree with the data. We will list your products and the dpm removal efficiency numbers for these filter systems on our internet homepage at "www.msha.gov."

Thank you for your interest in providing filter systems that reduce miners' exposure to dpm. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (304) 547-2042.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John P. Faini". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

John P. Faini
Chief, Mechanical Safety Division