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Mr. Kim Kristoff
President
Gemtek Products
4747 North 12th Street
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Dear Mr. Kristoff:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency applauds Gemtek Products for your excellent environmental leadership in developing and redesigning *SC-1000* and *SC-Laundry*. EPA's Design for the Environment ("DfE") program seeks to promote the use of chemical formulations with improved environmental and human health characteristics. Your *SC-1000* and *SC-Laundry* products achieve that objective in the industrial, institutional, and household cleaning sectors.

The key purpose of the DfE-Gemtek partnership is to recognize and encourage the environmentally preferable chemistry and technology of *SC-1000* and *SC-Laundry*. DfE is very enthusiastic about Gemtek's successful formulation of these cleaning products. Gemtek's use of more biodegradable and less harmful surfactants, builders, and other ingredients illustrates your active environmental stewardship and dedication to continuous improvement.

Industries, institutions, and households using products recognized by the DfE program will be participants in this important national effort to protect our country's aquatic life, improve worker health, and generally help safeguard human health and the environment. Again, I commend Gemtek for your commitment to improving the environmental profile and performance of your products.



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Bill Hanson".

Bill Hanson, Chief
Design for the Environment Program