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Ms. Marilyn J. Whitney, Chairman
Technology Applications Group, Inc.
810 South 48th Street
Grand Forks, ND 58201

Dear Ms. Whitney:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency applauds the Technology Applications Group Inc. ("TAG") for your environmental leadership in developing the TAG products, Tagnite-8200 and Brush Tagnite BT-12, non-chromate surface pretreatment formulations. EPA's Design for the Environment ("DfE") program seeks to promote the use of industrial coatings with improved environmental and human health characteristics. Your Tagnite products achieve that objective in the industrial/conversion coating sector.

The key purpose of the DfE-TAG partnership is to recognize the environmentally preferable chemistries of Tagnite-8200 and Brush Tagnite BT-12 and to encourage the development of similar chemistries. DfE is very enthusiastic about your successful formulation of these products and about our partnership, among our first in the conversion coating sector. By designing formulas that eliminate chromic acid, acidic brighteners, and other harmful ingredients, you have demonstrated your active environmental stewardship, concern for worker health, and dedication to continuous improvement.

Manufacturers in the aerospace and military sectors and others who use Tagnite-8200 and Brush Tagnite BT-12 products will be participants in this important national effort to protect the environment and safeguard human health. I commend Technology Applications Group, Inc. for your commitment to improving the environmental profile and performance of your products—and for leading change in the surface pretreatment and paint industries—much success with Tagnite-8200 and Brush Tagnite BT-12!



Sincerely,

Clive Davies, Chief
Design for the Environment