



From meeting 9/4

MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT

AGENDA MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 4, 1984

TO: Board of County Commissioners

FROM: County Administrator

BY: Originating Department _____

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM - REGULAR CONSENT _____ REQUESTED AGENDA DATE 9-4-84

RE: LETTER TO THE EDITOR OF THE BRADENTON HERALD ADDRESSING CONCERNS EXPRESSED BY CITIZEN RE WATER POLLUTION (SIEMENS-ALLIS)

County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO FORM

ACTION REQUIRED:

On August 28, 1984, the Board of County Commissioners moved to have staff prepare a letter to the Editor of the Bradenton Herald addressing and correcting concerns regarding the Siemens-Allis facility expressed by a citizen in his letter to the Editor appearing in the August 28, 1984 edition of the Bradenton Herald.

Move to authorize the Pollution Control Director to send a letter to the Editor of the Bradenton Herald addressing concerns expressed by a citizen regarding the Siemens-Allis facility.

APPROVED IN OPEN SESSION

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OFF COUNTY, FLORIDA

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ACTION(S) REQUIRED: Execution Approval Authorization
 Acceptance Recording Adoption

COST:
SOURCE: N/A

ATTACHMENTS:
Letter to Editor of
Bradenton Herald

BOARD RECORDS: **BC19840828DOC047**



STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND REHABILITATIVE SERVICES

September 4, 1984

Mr. David E. Klement,
Editorial Page Editor
The Bradenton Herald
102 Manatee Ave. W.
Bradenton, Fl. 33505

Dear Mr. Klement:

This letter is in response to/and will clarify and correct statements contained in Mr. Tony Angelo's letter to the Editor, which appeared in the August 27, 1984, edition of your paper concerning the Siemens-Allis facility.

First, I think it important to say, that from the out-set, I have been proud of the sincere interest and concern shown by the Manatee County Board of Commissioners, Palmetto City Council and various civic and environmental groups. Through their efforts, there have been public forums, workshops and presentations designed to gather valid information in which to make informed decisions where many of Mr. Angelo's remarks have been addressed in these sessions.

Much of the success the Pollution Control Department has achieved in obtaining the Company's consent to protect the environment of Manatee County in a manner beyond the regulations, is directly attributable to the efforts of the above groups.

Mr. Angelo states that the Siemens-Allis facility should be required to construct an on-site wastewater treatment plant instead of connecting to the County sewer system. Presently, there are no regulations, Federal, State or Local, which require wastewater of this type (which is essentially discharge from air condition units) to be treated. Instead, providing permits are obtained and standards met, regulations allow a direct discharge to surface waters, in this case, the Manatee River which is under a great deal of existing "stress". The company has agreed to do their part in protecting the river water quality by agreeing to connect to County treatment facilities. The company will be charged an appropriate monthly usage fees for this service.

Mr. Angelo states that "Fifty parts of PCB per million (ppm) in potable water is the maximum pollution allowed. Siemens-Allis is taking the maximum allowed". This simply is not accurate. The company will add no PCB's to potable water.

Further, the company has a long standing policy of not accepting oils containing more than 50 ppm of PCB's. Considering this, there should be no oils on site containing more than 50 ppm. PCB concentration of 50 ppm and above, are covered under Federal and State regulations. Concentrations less than 50 ppm, are unregulated. Siemens-Allis has agreed to handle all unregulated PCB oil containing less than 50 ppm in accordance with the regulations.

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These regulations contain strict requirements covering the storage, handling and most importantly, the correct disposal of these waste.

Lastly, Mr. Angelo states that pollutants from the 27 smokestacks, "will spread through the air in the County". Actually, the amounts of emissions from these "stacks", will be small in some cases no more than a vehicle emits each year. There should be no visible emissions from these vents.

Conclusion of the permit review by no means ends the Pollution Control Department's involvement with the company. The department will continue its duties through an aggressive inspection and monitoring programs to be conducted on an unannounced basis.

Thanks for the opportunity to set the record straight.

Very truly yours,



William L. Priesmeyer,
Pollution Control Department