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Memo:

RE: Reser's Topeka Croco and 6th Ave. Plant
CIDA #: 160213.01

To: Ms. Driver
City of Topeka Planning Department

By: David G. Welsh AIA

This memo is in response to noise and odor issues discussed at a neighborhood meeting on December 1, 2016. Reser's is committed to addressing these issues and have worked diligently over recent years to improve the technology in these areas throughout their plants.

Noise:

Reser's has effectively managed noise levels on recent plant design and is exploring several options to reduce the noise levels that emanate from the refrigeration equipment for the new Topeka facility. We have hired a sound consultant to assist in developing plans to mitigate the noise from equipment and specifically the refrigeration system. We are looking at changing the fan pitch, change the direction of air flow upward and sound masking. The technology of refrigeration has developed since the Deer Creek facility and Reser is cognizant of their neighbor responsibility. To that end we are placing the refrigeration equipment at the northwest corner of the building to have minimal impact on the neighboring community. We have done research on noise ordinances and have found that many cities have a 60 decibel at the property line when abutting residential areas. Reser will strive to improve on that.

Odor:

Reser has just completed a new processing facility in Hillsboro, Oregon. As part of that development a production waste water system was designed to manage and reduce suspended solids, BOD and ph. This new facility is the latest technology in production waste water treatment. It has been in place for a year with no odor problems. Part of the technology was the redesign of the aeration system that adds more oxygen to the Equalization Tank allowing the "bugs" to work more effectively to eliminate the odor. This same facility technology will be utilized at the Croco site.

To further control odor, production solid waste is kept in a totally enclosed conditioned environment on the west side of the building. This enclosed area keeps waste out of sight, allows for control of the waste material and keeps any organic or other material from being introduced into the local environment. As with most industries, the technology and concerns for the environment have instituted better ways of handling waste to reduce impact on land fill and increase recycling activity.

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