



**EQUIPMENT MALFUNCTION AND CORRECTIVE ACTION  
JULY 18, 2007**

Superior Tube Company, Inc. ("STC") continues to work closely with the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) following the accidental release of approximately 2,400 pounds of trichloroethylene as a result of an equipment malfunction on July 10, 2007. The company met with representatives of DEP on July 18 to review its methodology for calculating the release, the company's investigation into the cause of the equipment malfunction, and the corrective actions taken to prevent a similar occurrence. Superior Tube has taken aggressive corrective actions regarding both its operating equipment and its reporting procedures. Superior Tube continues to cooperate with DEP in its investigation, and will update the community on the corrective actions taken to ensure safe operations.

Superior Tube formally apologizes for both the equipment malfunction and the failure to notify DEP in a timely fashion after the incident. Superior Tube is working hard to reestablish itself as a good neighbor and remains committed to reducing its annual emissions of trichloroethylene.