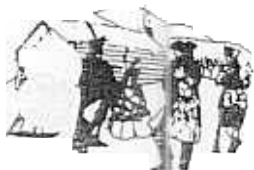


Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin

Post Office Box 365



Oneidas bringing several hundred bags of corn to Washington's starving army at Valley Forge, after the colonists had consistently refused to aid them.

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Oneida, WI 54155



UGWA DEMOLUM YATEHE
Because of the help of this Oneida Chief in cementing a friendship between the six nations and the colony of Pennsylvania, a new nation, the United States was made possible.

Resolution # 06-09-99B Chlorine Free Oneida Resolution

- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin is a federally recognized Indian government and a treaty tribe recognized by the laws of the United States, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida General Tribal Council is the governing body of the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Business Committee has been delegated the authority of Article IV, Section 1 of the Oneida Tribal Constitution by the Oneida General Tribal Council, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Environmental Resources Board (ERB) was created for the purpose of overseeing matters concerning the environment of the Oneida Reservation, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe is committed to living in balance with Mother Earth and protecting her health through the Seventh Generation, and
- Whereas,** due to our Tribe's rapid growth in recent years, we have become consumers of large quantities of chlorine-bleached paper, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe understands that the use of chlorine or chlorine compounds as bleaching agents in the paper making process have been shown to produce toxins such as Organochlorines, including Chloroform, Dioxins and Furans, which have been associated with cancer, birth defects, and immunological, hormonal, and reproductive system damage in wildlife as well as humans, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe understands that the continued demand for chlorine-bleached paper is a fundamental reason for its continued production, and
- Whereas,** the Oneida Tribe affirms that by participation in the demand for chlorine-bleached paper it is thus participating in the production and spread of said toxins.


Therefore Be It Resolved, that to the extent that is practically possible, the Oneida tribe wishes to have little or no part in the production of, use of, sale of, or transport of paper bleached with chlorine or chlorine compounds in any form, whose by-product in the production of chlorine-bleached paper are the above mentioned Organochlorines such as Chloroform, Dioxins, Furans, or any other toxins, and

Be It Further Resolved, that this resolution should be implemented without unnecessary delay, with the final phase of implementation for this project occurring no later than September 30, 2001.

Now Therefore Be It Finally Resolved, that this resolution shall be interpreted and implemented by the Oneida Environmental Resource Board and the Oneida Environmental Health and Safety Department, with close collaboration with related departments including Purchasing and the Governmental Services Divisions.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, as the Secretary of the Oneida Business Committee, hereby certify that the Oneida Business Committee is composed of (9) members of whom (5) members constitute a quorum. 8 members were present at a meeting duly called, noticed and held on the 9th day of June, 1999; that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted at such meeting by a vote of 7 members for; 0 members against, and 0 members not voting; and that said resolution has not been rescinded or amended in any way.



Julie Barton, Tribal Secretary
ONEIDA BUSINESS COMMITTEE

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STATEMENT OF EFFECT Resolution Regarding Chlorine Free Oneida Resolution

Summary

This resolution proposes that the Oneida Tribe utilize totally chlorine free paper by September of 2001.

Analysis

This resolution, presented by the Environmental Resource Board, proposes that the Oneida Tribe phase in the use of totally chlorine free paper by September 30, 2001. As defined by the Federal Register and generally used in the industry, there are two levels of chlorine free paper –

TCF (Totally Chlorine Free)

Virgin paper that is unbleached or processed with a sequence that includes no chlorine or chlorine derivatives as bleaching agents. From a water pollution standpoint this is the best paper to purchase. People concerned about forestry issues are encouraged to purchase tree-free, TCF papers.

PCF (Processed Chlorine Free)

This term is reserved for recycled paper content papers. If the paper contains some virgin, or recycled paper that fiber is totally chlorine free. The post-consumer fiber, bleached with chlorine for its first use, has not been rebleached with chlorine compounds. Must contain at least 20% post-consumer content.

These papers are generally identified as such on the package. A brief search identified at least 5 companies that produce "TCF" paper.

The Environmental Resource Board urges the use of chlorine free paper because of the damage and toxicity of the paper bleached with chlorine. The chlorine by-product from chlorine bleached paper has been connected with cancer and birth defects to name a few.

It should be noted that an alternative "elemental chlorine-free," or ECP, process is also available. This process involves use of a chlorine dioxide and results in smaller amounts of chlorines in the waste product.

This resolution proposes an environmental policy statement for the Oneida Tribe – no use of chlorine bleached paper. A quick research indicates that the Oneida Tribe currently pays +/- \$29.00 per case (5000 sheets) of 20 pound, 50% recycled, 20% post consumer recycled paper. An Internet search indicated that a similar price can be identified for 100% recycled, 50% post-consumer paper. However, no recycled paper can claim to be a totally chlorine free paper because of the unknown manufacturing process of the recycled content. A totally chlorine free product could be as much as \$37.00 for a case.

It is not clear what the cost of a totally chlorine free paper and whether this would increase or reduce the cost of paper products within the Oneida Tribe. The information in this Statement of Effect addresses only copy paper. However, the Oneida Tribe purchases a wide range of paper products. And, because of the volume of products purchased, could have significant volume discount savings that I was not able to identify. It may be that during the transition period that the cost of totally chlorine free paper products will drop as consumer use increases thus making the environmental policy more cost effective. And, while cost is not the only factor, it is generally considered in the purchasing and budgeting processes.

Conclusion

There are no legal issues which would prohibit adoption of this resolution. Further, there is a significant transition period to allow for adjustment to this policy if it is needed.