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Mr. Dennis M. Turner  
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Dear Mr. Turner:

Technical Standards Committee "A" (Telecommunications) has accepted Petroflex's Smooth-wall High-Density Polyethylene (HDPE) conduit for inclusion in the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) List of Materials. The Committee tabled consideration of your corrugated conduit products pending the receipt of additional information. The Petroflex Smooth-wall HDPE conduit will be shown on page 2.2.1 under Item "hc" as follows:

Our Outside Plant Branch will provide you with details regarding the additional information needed for acceptance consideration of the Petroflex corrugated conduit products.

During the period between now and the time a revised listing is issued, it will be entirely appropriate for you to notify prospective purchasers of this action.

This acceptance does not relieve you, the manufacturer, of any responsibility for the satisfactory performance of the item and its conformity to guarantees, specifications or other provisions of contracts covering its sale. This acceptance is further granted with the understanding that no RUS accepted item shall be delivered to RUS borrowers with any changes in design or workmanship affecting the quality, strength, or electrical characteristics of the item without requesting, in writing, and receiving, Technical Standards Committee "A" (Telecommunications) acceptance of the changes.

Please note that this Committee action does not constitute RUS "approval" of your product. The Committee determined that your product is "acceptable" for use on telecommunications systems of RUS borrowers and for inclusion (listing) of your product in the List of Materials with similarly acceptable products of other manufacturers. We, therefore, ask that if you refer to RUS in catalogs, informational fliers, news reports, or paid advertisements, please refer to "RUS acceptance," "RUS listing," or "RUS listed" and not refer to "RUS approval."

Sincerely,  
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Chairman, Technical Standards Committee "A" (Telecommunications)  
Telecommunications Standards Division