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To Whom It May Concern;

Major Refinery  
California, USA

I am writing this letter to explain the reasoning behind the decision to have Chesterton as the main supplier of valve sealing systems at our refinery in California.

In 1998 the decision was made to try the Chesterton valve sealing system in our control valves because we were experiencing severe leakage and concerns about fugitive emissions. The first trial was in our hydrogen service in control valves where the current packing system was failing in less than one year. We installed Chesterton's 5800E sealing system and the results were everything that we had hoped for and more.

In 2000 after seeing what Chesterton's control valve sealing system had achieved in the hydrogen service we decided to try the 5800E system in eight hot oil control valves that had become a safety and housekeeping problem because of constant leaking at the stem. Again the Chesterton sealing system for control valves proved to be the solution.

After experiencing success in the control valves with Chesterton sealing systems, it was decided that this refinery would move from OEM packing in all control valves to the recommended Chesterton system. We have not had any friction problems with the Chesterton control valve sealing systems and sealing our valves and complying with the Federal regulations for fugitive emissions has been accomplished.

It was decided in 2004 that all block valves that were to be repacked during any turnarounds and all new block valves would be packed with Chesterton's style 1600 emissions packing.

We have repacked approximately 160 control valves with the Chesterton sealing systems and approximately 200 block valves with Chesterton style 1600.

We are currently in our 2010 turnaround and we estimate that we will repack approximately 150 control valves and approximately 100 block valves.

Chesterton has a very good valve sealing program that covers all types of valves and has proven to be the leaders in valve sealing and will be the packing company of choice for our refinery in California.

Sincerely,

Valve Coordinator  
Refinery in California