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I am writing to clarify several aspects of Cyclic Siloxane as an alternative to Perchloroethylene in the dry-cleaning process.

Cyclic Siloxane (SB-32) is a Class IIIA solvent. It is *not* a Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAPS) and it is *not* a RCRA hazardous waste. The EPA has listed several VMS (Volatile Methyl Silicones) as substitutes for ozone depleting substances under the program *known* as the "Significant New Alternative Policy (SNAP), 59CFR13044, March 1994. In addition, Cyclic Siloxane is odorless and classified as a *non*-VOC (Volatile Organic Compound) unlike petroleum based products.

The Cyclic Siloxane cleaning process uses equipment similar to that of the perchloroethylene cleaning process with slight modifications which take into account the physical property differences of the silicone.

GE Silicone, SB-32 is nontoxic from an oral, dermal and inhalation standpoint as based on EPA protocol. This solvent is used extensively in personal care products such as antiperspirants, hair care, and skin care.

Approximately 150 sites across the country are currently using the Cyclic Siloxane dry cleaning process.

I hope you find this information helpful. Please do not hesitate to call me with any questions or concerns.

Regards,

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