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Environmental Protection Agency 2010/15 PFOA Stewardship Program

In 2006, former Administrator Stephen L. Johnson invited the eight major fluoropolymer and telomer manufacturers to join in a global program to commit to achieve reduction in both facility emissions to all media and product content of PFOA (Perflourooctanoic Acid) and PFOA related higher homologue chemicals, measured from a year 2000 baseline. The eight companies committed to a 95 percent reduction by 2010 and committed to working toward total elimination of PFOA by 2015.

Fort Wayne Metals supplies medical wire with two types of PTFE coating: LubriSkin™ and DuraSkin™.¹

LubriSkin™ is a water based low perflourooctanoic acid (PFOA) PTFE coating. Low levels of PFOA are used as a catalyst in the manufacturing process. The PFOA evaporates off in the coating process.

DuraSkin™ is a solvent based PTFE coating, which is free of any PFOA.

Our current LubriSkin™ formulation complies with the 2010 requirement.

Fort Wayne Metals will be working with our suppliers to get a PFOA free alternative formulation for LubriSkin™ validated in time so as to comply with the 2015 commitment.

For further information please refer to the: <http://www.epa.gov/oppt/pfoa/pubs/stewardship/index.html>

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