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Town Board of Duaneburg  
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Gentlemen:

This is to report that on Dec. 19, 1953, your Town Clerk and Health Officer presented the new owners of the Saratoga Soap Company, now known as the Duaneburg Rendering Company, with a copy of the town ordinance relating to rendering. We had direct conversations with Henry Burman, the new owner and his son, who is in active charge of the plant.

These men appeared sincere in their wish to cooperate in reducing the nuisance of the odor from the plant.

We made a thorough inspection of all facilities and found some improvement made already. For example, almost all the material being processed was butcher's bones as compared to it being almost all intestinal tracts, heads, etc. before. This step in itself should eliminate a lot of the bad odor. Also lights had been installed in the washing room and there was plenty of hot water and steam to cleanse the containers which were cleaner than we had ever seen them.

Two immediate steps are planned. One is to add a Dhpont chemical called "Almask" to the cooking. This absorbs some odors. The other is installation of a large force fan outfit (already seen at the plant) in the line leading to the tall chimney. This should force fumes from the working area to the chimney much more efficiently than previously.

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One problem arising from the use of practically no animal organs, is the disposal of them locally. The owners feel that this can be solved by spreading the material about the farm as manure. The clerk and health officer felt some better solution to this would have to be found.

In conclusion, it seems evident that the new operators are more business-like and efficient than the old. With good cooperation, it may be possible to reduce the extent of this public nuisance considerably.

Yours truly,



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