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Subject: Absorbent Monitor Element Commissioning

To Whom It May Concern

With reference to Super Absorbent Polymer release in-flight incidents, IATA and A4A requests your attention for the following:

For customers operating under ATA-103 Standards, the filter manufacturers recommend following EI 1550 Handbook guidelines, as per below for the commissioning of new filter monitor elements:

*After new elements have been installed, it is recommended that the vessel be flushed with fuel of intended use for a minimum of three minutes at the maximum achievable flow, prior to the vessel/vehicle going into service. Downstream hose end screens should be inspected for ant debris or other foreign materials.*

For customers operating under JIG-IATA Standards, after installation of new filter monitor elements it is recommended that:

*Approximately 4500 litres of product shall be circulated through the unit, preferably back to storage, at maximum flow to remove small fibres, etc., before the unit is returned to service.*

Thanking you in advance for applying this good practice,

Respectfully,

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