UNITED STATES OF AMERICA BEFORE THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS:

Edith Ramirez, Chairwoman Julie Brill Maureen K. Ohlhausen Terrell McSweeny

In the Matter of

NICE-PAK PRODUCTS, INC., a corporation., d/b/a NICE-PAK.

DOCKET NO. C-4556

COMPLAINT

The Federal Trade Commission, having reason to believe that Nice-Pak Products, Inc., a corporation ("Respondent"), has violated the provisions of the Federal Trade Commission Act, and it appearing to the Commission that this proceeding is in the public interest, alleges:

1. Respondent Nice-Pak Products, Inc. ("Nice-Pak"), also doing business as Nice-Pak, is a New York corporation with its principal office or place of business at Two Nice-Pak Park, Orangeburg, NY 10962-1376.

2. Respondent Nice-Pak has packaged, labeled, advertised, offered for sale, sold, or distributed moist toilet tissue, a personal hygiene product, throughout the United States. This moist toilet tissue is composed of non-woven fabric, specifically non-elemental chlorine bleached wood pulp, bicomponent fibers, and EP907 repulpable binder (the "Nice-Pak wipe") after being flushed.

3. The acts and practices of Respondent alleged in this complaint have been in or affecting commerce, as "commerce" is defined in Section 4 of the Federal Trade Commission Act.

Respondent's Business Activities

4. Respondent disseminated to trade customers materials purporting to substantiate certain claims for its Nice-Pak Wipes. These materials concerned tests which did not accurately reflect real-world conditions Nice-Pak Wipes would encounter after being flushed (i.e., conditions that

- A. The Nice-Pak Wipes are safe for sewer systems;
- B. The Nice-Pak Wipes are safe for septic systems;
- C. The Nice-Pak Wipes break apart shortly after flushing; and
- D. The Nice-Pak Wipes are safe to flush; that is, they are safe for household plumbing systems, household septic systems, and public sewer systems.

7. The representations set forth in Paragraph 6 were not substantiated at the time the representations were made.