Description: An Eastman Kodak manufacturing facility needed a new roof that had to meet stringent guidelines dictated by property insurers FM Global®. The goal was to use ENERGY STAR® materials for the entire 270,000 square foot site and invest in a 20 year roof. The job included installation over a 22,000 square foot clean room which is the core of the production for aluminum rolling and drawing. Without hesitation, contractor Cotterman & Company called on Johns Manville to deliver the best products for their client’s needs.

Challenge: Built in 1997 in Dayton, OH, the site can be subjected to hail storms and is also considered to be in a tornado zone. The usual complexities of managing such a large installation were exacerbated when crucial clean room operations taking place in the building had to be considered. Disrupting those operations with falling dust and other potential debris was not an option.

Solution: Cotterman & Company recommended a Johns Manville product; JM TPO 60 mil roofing membrane. JM TPO is ENERGY STAR® compliant with an SRI of 101. JM TPO provides more thickness-over-scrim and a strong reinforcement, which provides a defense against the elements. Cotterman & Company impressed Gary Cammorato, manager of Kodak Business Process Support by working directly with the buildings HSE group to communicate safety precautions. “My role was to lead the collaboration with JM, and I worked to over-communicate with Kodak to really partner with them on safety procedures,” said Jon Plattner, Cotterman & Company, Sales & Marketing Director. Plattner worked with the scheduling department when major storms were occurring to help keep the project on time. “I was able to alleviate their worries about clean room disruptions and how we handled weather delays,” said Plattner. The project was completed with no issues or water intrusion and at the end of installation, Kodak was impressed and they have recommended Cotterman “without hesitation to any future potential customers.”