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Subject Response to Operational Safety and Health Survey (OS/HS) of the Acetone Unit at Plant 512

Dear John:

We have completed the development of responses to recommendations reported by the OS/HS Team on the audit conducted at the Acetone Unit in March of this year. Overall our APM, Bill Babst, is in agreement with the corrective action we propose, and, at this time we are generating cost estimates to implement the correction. These cost estimates will be submitted to management on a line item basis for comments and approval. If you have questions regarding the position we have taken in our response, or require further clarification, please let me know.

Very truly yours,

W. J. Raglan

WJR/smm

Response to OSS

Performed March, 1984

Acetone Unit

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HL.2 PERSONNEL EXPOSURES TO ASBESTOS FIBERS

The team is concerned about the potential long-term hazards caused by inhalation of asbestos fibers by operators and maintenance personnel other than insulators when they occasionally remove small amounts of insulation and tape without determining if it contains asbestos fibers. Although these instances involve small quantities of asbestos fibers, asbestos is a known human carcinogen regulated by OSHA policies and plant procedures, and should be cautiously handled.

Recommendation

Consider providing to operating personnel the Plant 512 Maintenance Department training program on the health hazards of asbestos and the necessary precautions for the handling of asbestos-containing materials.

RESPONSE

(a) Current plant programs are agreed to be sufficient.

(b) Operator training is not needed.

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