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TO Plant letter lists "A", "B", "C", "D" DATE April 28, 1976

Subject: MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE, VINYL CHLORIDE

For your information in providing the opportunity for medical surveillance for employees under your supervision who may be exposed to levels of vinyl chloride over the action level of 0.5 ppm, the following guidelines are offered:

Regularly assigned employees to the regulated area are offered preplacement examinations and medical surveillance annually if past exposure has been less than ten years and semi-annually if more than ten years.

N.B. Employees who are no longer actively working in the regulated area are not offered medical surveillance. The reason for this is that the tests specified by the government standard are not done for the purpose of diagnosing angiosarcoma. The purpose of the surveillance is to detect chronic liver disease which could put the person at increased risk with continued exposure.

Regularly assigned employees should also receive certification from the Medical Division for the use of respirators.

Employees with intermittent assignments to areas where vinyl chloride is present, will be offered medical surveillance if:

a) Personal monitoring indicates exposure above the action level, or

b) The frequency of assignments to areas recognized as areas where vinyl chloride could be present, meets or exceeds a rate of one assignment per month.

Employees who meet the above criteria but decline medical surveillance, should sign refusal forms (available at the Medical Division).

Supervisors are asked to assist Mrs. Vola Regini (extension 1377) in scheduling examinations by furnishing lists of employees requiring surveillance. These employees will be reviewed and given certification for wearing a respirator. Supervisors are reminded that these employees are also required to view the tape-slide program on vinyl chloride annually.

So that there will be no misunderstanding, any employee who believes he has a health problem, is invited to consult with the Medical Division where appropriate examinations and recommendations may be made.

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