UNION CARBIDE

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT UC-1174

UC 149-2

CHEMICALS AND PLASTICS

P. O. BOX 471, TEXAS CITY, TEXAS 77590

TO (NAME) Mr. D. L. Engle

DATE August 26, 1974

COMPANY

LOCATION TEXAS CITY PLANT

COPY TO Mr. D. E. Deese
Mr. J. A. Fredericksen
Mr. R. E. Graebert - 511
Mr. J. B. Leverton
Mr. W. R. van der Hoeven
Mr. D. L. Wiley - NYO

SUBJECT Visit by OSHA Safety and Health Compliance Officer on August 23, 1974

On August 23, 1974 at 8:30 a.m., Mr. C. F. Hacquest, Safety and Health Compliance Officer from OSHA, made an unannounced visit to the Texas City Plant to investigate the attached complaint. An informal discussion was held in John Leverton's office and continued at the cafeteria (Messrs. Hacquest, Deese, Leverton and Mazzolini present) until 9:40 a.m.

At 9:45 a.m., we picked up Mr. J. P. Alexander and Mr. S. J. Munn (Metal Trades representative) and proceeded to the Bldg. 74 area. We drove around that vicinity and pointed out the various ingress and egress paths to Bldg. 74 from Gates 1, 2, and 5. Mr. Hacquest then had a short conversation with Sam Munn and all returned to the cafeteria.

After lunch, a short meeting was held at 1:00 p.m. in Mr. Engle's office (Messrs. Hacquest, Leverton, Nickles, Mazzolini and van der Hoeven present). Mr. Hacquest reviewed the complaint and stated that there would be no citation. He felt that the complaint was not safety-motivated but was the result of the long walk from Gate 1 and enforcement of safety rules (rider limitations on trucks, short-cuts through tank areas without safety equipment, etc.). Not related to this complaint, Mr. Hacquest pointed out that similar complaints have been voiced when equal eating accommodations were not provided to all employees. His statement was apparently the result of the short discussion with Mr. Munn.

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The undersigned *(check one)*

☐ Employee ☐ Representative of employees ☐ Other *(specify)* _____

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Does this hazard(s) immediately threaten death or serious physical harm? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Employer's Name Union Carbide Chemicals

Address (Street _____ Telephone 945-7411

(City Texas City State Texas Zip Code 77590

1. Kind of business Chemical Manufacturing

2. Specify the particular building or worksite where the alleged violation is located, including address.
Building 74

3. Specify the name and phone number of employer's agent(s) in charge.
J. P. Alexander - 945-7411, Ext 275

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Approximately 165-170 men are required to walk 5-7 blocks from the entrance gates to the new maintenance office. There are no sidewalks provided and trucks and construction vehicles are using the same street.

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Sec. 8(f)(1) of the Williams-Steiger Occupational Safety and Health Act, 29 U.S.C. 651, provides as follows: Any employees or representative of employees who believe that a violation of a safety or health standard exists that threatens physical harm, or that an imminent danger exists, may request an inspection by giving notice to the Secretary or his authorized representative of such violation or danger. Any such notice shall be reduced to writing, shall set forth with reasonable particularity the grounds for the notice, and shall be signed by the employees or representative of employees, and a copy shall be provided the employer or his agent no later than at the time of inspection, except that, upon request of the person giving such notice, his name and the names of individual employees referred to therein shall not appear in such copy or on any record published, released, or made available pursuant to subsection (g) of this section. If upon receipt of such notification the Secretary determines there are reasonable grounds to believe that such violation or danger exists, he shall make a special inspection in accordance with the provisions of this section as soon as practicable, to determine if such violation or danger exists. If the Secretary determines there are no reasonable grounds to believe that a violation or danger exists he shall notify the employees or representative of the employees in writing of such determination.

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