UNION CARBIDE

INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
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CHEMICALS AND PLASTICS

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

TO (NAME) Mr. J.H. Barrett
COMPANY Mr. T.O. Blum
LOCATION Mr. O.W. Casey
Mr. D.L. Engle
Dr. D.H. Glenn
Mr. R.E. Graebert - 511
COPY TO Mr. J.S. Knight
Mr. J.B. Leverton
Mr. W.A. Mazzolini
Mr. W.P. Nickles
Mr. F.S. Provenzano
Mr. D.R. Reem
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Mr. R.J. Taylor
Mr. R. Van Mynen - 501 (21)
Mr. J.W. Whittlesey - 501 (46)

DATE September 4, 1979

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SUBJECT OSHA visit on August 28, 1979

Gentlemen:

On August 28, 1979, Mr. Alan Trivette, an OSHA Industrial Hygienist returned to the Texas City Plant, to sample for solvent vinyl resin dust. This was Done as a follow-up to his initial inspection on August 17, 1979, which was initiated by an employee complaint, that alleged overexposure to vinyl dust at Building 121.

Mr. Trivette arrived at the plant, at Gate 2, at 6:45am. The guard summoned Mr. Pete Delasandri, the shift Superintendent, who escorted Mr. Trivette to Bldg. 2, to await the arrival of management personnel to escort Mr. Trivette to Bldg. 121. Mr. Trivette demanded to be taken to Bldg. 121 so that he might begin sampling promptly at 7:00am.

Mr. Trivette and Mr. Delasandri were joined by J.B. Leverton at 7:15am. Mr. Leverton escorted Mr. Trivette to Bldg. 1 to await Industrial Hygiene personnel so that Union Carbide might co-sample. Mr. Trivette again demanded to be promptly taken to Bldg. 121.

By 7:30am, Mr. Leverton and Mr. Trivette were joined by Kirk E. Martin, Industrial Hygienist and myself and UCC Industrial Hygiene Technicians were preparing sampling apparatus to co-sample with Mr. Trivette. Mr. Trivette was taken to Bldg. 121, where he placed sampling apparatus on 1) Mr. L. Morris, a Pipefitter; 2) Mr. R. Molis, West Operator in Bldg. 121; 3) Mr. J.M. Heard, a Machinist; 4) Mr. J. Lewis, an Instrument Mechanic; and 5) Mr. R.G. Kirkland, a Machinist. UCC samples were also taken. Mr. Trivette was joined by Mr. Sam Mum, the union representative. Sampling and interviews with personnel continued throughout the day. Trivette viewed the various personnel at their jobs.

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The pumps were removed and Trivette held an exit interview with myself and K.E. Martin. He stated that he may have to return for more sampling since he was not able to get full 8 hour samples for the operators.

As of this date, UCC samples have been analyzed and none are in excess of the 10 mg/m ^{3} PEL for nuisance dust.

If you have any question regarding this inspection, please contact me.

Respectfully yours,

Harvey R. Schulz

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