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PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT UC-1204

TO (NAME) Mr. J. H. Barrett
COMPANY Mr. T. O. Blum
LOCATION Mr. D. L. Engle
Mr. J. S. Knight
Mr. W. P. Nickles
Mr. F. S. Provenzano
COPY TO Mr. D. R. Reem
Mr. R. Ritchie
TEXAS CITY PLANT

DATE October 31, 1979

SUBJECT OSHA Complaint Investigation on 10-30-79

Copy to Dr. D. H. Glenn
Mr. J. B. Leverton
Mr. R. A. Ream - 511
Mr. H. R. Schulz
Mr. R. J. Taylor
Ms. A. P. Yalcinkaya

Gentlemen:

On October 30, 1979, Mr. Richard Miller, OSHA Industrial Hygienist, arrived at the Texas City Plant to conduct the followup investigation into employee complaints alleging overexposure to ozone, argon, and metal fumes while welding inside van boxes at bldg. 189. The initial inspection was conducted on October 3, 1979, and is described in Mr. H. R. Schulz's memo dated October 9, 1979.

Mr. Miller was escorted to bldg. 189 by Messrs. Schulz and Martin, and breathing zone sampling by impinger for ozone was initiated on Mr. Perry L. Barnard and Mr. Lawrence Murray who were assigned to repair van boxes. Cosampling was conducted by Mr. C. W. Perry.

At 10:30 Mr. Sam Munn, union representative, joined us at Mr. Miller's request. As in the previous inspection several of the auto mechanics were interviewed by Mr. Miller.

As indicated in Mr. Schulz's memo of October 9, 1979, the employes who were welding inside the van boxes were wearing half-face, positive pressure, air-supplied respirators.

Photos were taken by Mr. M. E. Montague of the welding operation inside the van box at Mr. Miller's request. These photos will be provided to Mr. Miller when they become available.

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Sampling was discontinued at 3:30 pm, and a closing conference was held with Messrs. J. B. Leverton, K. E. Martin, H. R. Schulz, and S. Munn. Mr. Miller indicated that he would not have his test results for at least two weeks, but he did not anticipate that the results would be in excess of the OSHA Standard. He did express the recommendation that irregardless of the monitoring results, the use of the respiratory protective equipment in the van box repair shop should be continued.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact me at ext. 5589.

Sincerely,

Kirk E. Martin

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