PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

UC-1674

INTERSALES, INC.

October 14, 1988

Ms. Belia Cortez
Site Manager
Union Carbide Corporation
Star Route Box 90
Brownsville, Texas 78521

Re: Texas Air Control Board/Inspector Visit

Ms. Cortez:

On or about 2:49 P.M. on Tuesday October 11, 1988 Mr. Hipolito Cabrera Inspector for Texas Air Control Board came to the Union Carbide Plant and asked for Mr. Terry Entrekin and Mr. Entrekin referred him to me.

Mr. Cabrera requested to visit the property and brought a camera with him. After a brief ride to the different process units, we stopped at Unit 629, where we were preparing the temporary decontamination facilities; close by a couple of workers were working around some valves and he took pictures. He then took a sample of insulation that was near him on the ground, the workers were about 20 ft. away. Then we went to the back where we have removed KayLo-10 from a tank. This waste is in 6 mil plastic bags, he also took samples from one of the bags. At this time I would like to mention the fact that Mr. Cabrera did not have any sampling equipment with him and also that the solid samples that he took, he placed them in his pocket straight from the ground. Mr. Cabrera never bothered to touch the insulation on the different pipes to see if they were wet or not. We wet every piece of insulated pipe before we start to work in an area. It's specified on 61-147 rules of "EPA" that we wet all insulation material even if it's KayLo-10.

After this we came back to the office and he mentioned that the glove bag method should be used and that we had committed a violation. I was very surprised to hear him make such a statement without knowing all the facts, whether we had wet all the pipes with exposed insulation or if the material exposed was KayLo-10, or of PEL levels. He also said that since we had committed a violation he had to contact his lawyers in Austin. Mr. M. Leal and Mr. R. Fernandez were present when this statement was made.

Jose R. Jimenez
INTERSALES, INC.

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