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March 22, 1967

MONTHLY ACCIDENT SUMMARY

February 1967

We had several serious accidents this month but no accident resulted in a disabling injury. Our total year to date remains as one, as compared to one for a similar period in 1966. Our frequency rate now stands at 0.71 versus 0.77 in 1966.

One accident that occurred in the Cleveland office will be reviewed by the Doubtful Case Committee on March 23.

Approximately 2400 pounds of VCl vented into poly charge area at the Niagara Falls plant. The poly had been cleaned and headed up by a chemical helper who was being trained in this area. The helper failed to install 2 adjacent reactor manhead studs with nuts and when charge had been heated to 139°F, the lead-asbestos gasket blew out causing the charge to vent. All personnel left the building for twenty minutes after activating the building emergency vent fans. This incident will be discussed at the weekly safety meetings. Production personnel will be provided with a thread die to chase the threads as necessary to be sure that the studs are not removed from the vessel pad.

A pipefitter at Louisville plant was sprayed with VCl and caustic while attempting to unplug a pipe line at the VCl unloading station. Although pipe was open at both ends, there was pressure trapped by solidified caustic. Fortunately, a safety shower was close by and the pipefitter immediately washed off the VCl and caustic. He received no serious burns. Calvert City was notified of this incident.

Violation of lock-out procedure and poly safety check sheet by a poly cleaner and charge operator at the Avon Lake General Chemical Plant was one of the nearest potential fatalities we have encountered for some time. The poly safety check sheet had been filled out by the cleaner and charge operator but cleaner entered the poly without locking out the agitator. The charge operator started the agitator of the poly (38) by mistake, thinking he had started another poly (39). The operator rode on the Pfaudler blades (25 RPM). Fortunately, the area supervisor was close at hand and quickly responded to the poly cart alarm. The disconnect was disengaged and the agitator was stopped. The helper was taken to the hospital and treated for only minor bruises and cuts. Each shift foreman conducted a safety meeting with his people and reviewed the incident and emphasized the importance of following the safety procedures in the plant.

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B.F. GOODRICH CHEMICAL COMPANY

February 1967 Composite Reportable Injury Status Report

	Employees		Man Hours		Disabling Injuries		Minor Injuries		Frequency Rate		Severity Rate		Days Lost		Man Hours Since Last Disabling Injury	Days Since Last Disabling Injury	President's Cup Contest Rating
	Month	Year	Month	Year	Mo.	Year	Mo.	Year	Mo.	Year	Mo.	Year	Mo.	Year			
Louisville	1071	1073	168,889	366,935	0	0	74	144	0	0	0	0	0	0	819,645	137	1
Calvert City	560	558	94,793	208,627	0	0	21	39	0	0	0	0	0	0	380,280	113	2
Avon Gen. Chem.	550	547	95,543	197,728	0	0	48	95	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,975,237	705	3
Avon Dev. Center	534	531	87,206	176,222	0	0	38	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	562,497	196	4
Akron Chemical	309	308	50,329	106,378	0	0	12	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	269,985	155	5
Long Beach	113	112	18,652	36,477	0	0	14	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	120,525	200	6
Niagara Falls	50	50	7,314	15,504	0	0	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	441,971	1712	7
Henry	275	275	47,064	102,151	0	1	32	64	0	9.79	0	29.37	0	3	50,442	33	8
Cleveland	575	574	99,590	198,314	0	0	$\frac{1}{2}$	$\frac{1}{2}$	0	0	0	0	0	0	232,854	70	Not Entered
Total BFG Chem. Plants	4037	4028	669,380	1,408,336	0	1	245	$\frac{442}{461}$	0	0.71	0	2.13	0	3			
Total Same Mo. Last Year	3698	3677	623,096	1,294,679	0	1	218	402	0	0.77	0	0.70	0	1			

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