

VCNET SPEAKERS KIT

(SLIDES) In August of 1989, an accident in the Conrail Camden, NJ 'Hump-yard' involved two Occidental VCM cars. The rail yard is located downtown near to residences and small factories. The two VCM railcars were being coupled to a hopper car and during coupling the hopper car's coupling bypassed the monomer coupling, the head shield, and struck the body of the tank car.

Chemtrec notified the shipper, OxyChem Deer Park who dispatched a technical expert and was joined by a second industry member B.F. Goodrich, Frank Sollman from Calvert City Kentucky. Both arrived at the scene approximately the same time 11 1/2 hours after the incident occurred. Oxy had an advisory from the Polymer plant on-site within one hour. Conrail had two contractors respond.

(SLIDE) It was evident in incident critiques, there was lack of material awareness effective response capability for VCM in that area, the Delaware Valley. Occidental established a Hazmat team in Pottstown to service the VCM emergencies in the Delaware Valley. The van and trailer are shown touring one of the facilities. The four companies (Georgia Gulf, Formosa Plastics, B.F. Goodrich have produced six VCM 2 day Safety Awareness courses in 90, 91, and 92, for about 300 public and private students.

Recognizing that incidents on the rail are an industry and national concern, the executive of the Vinyl Institute was taken to the Chemical Manufacturers Association and the formation of VCNet.

17 VCM railcars were involved in accidents in 91 and 92, all but one requiring transfer. This coordinated industry effort satisfy meets the obligations of Responsible Care i.e. Community Outreach.

- Community Outreach - training rail, fire police regulator and public responders
- Emergency response training for first responders regulatory and transportation as well as our own railcar loading and unloading personnel.
- Distribution Code - training along the rail route establishing response map

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- Product Stewardship

The members of VCNet and B.F. Goodrich Chemical Company and Borden Chemical and Plastics, LOP, Dow Chemical Company, Formosa Plastics Corporation, Georgia Gulf Corporation, Occidental Chemical Corporation, PPG Industries, Inc. and Vista Chemical Company with...associated members certainteed, JTS Enterprises, Inc., Maxroy - Shintech.

The charter of VCNet is to achieve safe handling and distribution of Vinyl Chloride, provide technical expertise and assistance, sponsor training workshops and symposiums, forum for sharing non-proprietary safe handling and distribution information. Initially VCNet will address railcar with marvne and pipeline to follow.

(SLIDE) VCNet will authorize approved and qualified for our contractors to respond to an incident if no responder is offered promptly by the shipper through Chemtrec. The VCNet has produced a map showing prompt response times which will illustrate where coverage's is not adequate.

(SLIDE) During 1992, six workshops were conducted at 4 locations:

- Burlington County
- Point Comfort, Texas
- Beaumont, Texas
- Lamaree
- Addis, Louisiana

Courses presented by the well known Clyde Strong and Associates, J. Riddle trainer and support from member company experts.

Shown here are the manual table of contents and contents of day 1 and day 2.

VCNet considered three advocacy positions, successfully petitioning DOT regarding shipping label for Vinyl Chloride which would have required domestic cars to be labeled Vinyl Chloride inhibited and generally they are not. DOT and in concert with European manufacturers, the DOT with our input an solicited European input on practics will present the industries position to the United Nations for adjustment.

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