

INTER-OFFICE MEMO **TENNECO CHEMICALS, INC.**

TO M.W. Williams AT Flemington DATE March 16, 1972
FROM H.B. Carr AT Burlington COPY TO File
SUBJECT Resin Safety Council Meeting,
March 15, 1972

It was my pleasure to substitute for you at the Resin Safety Council meeting held in Flemington at 10 AM on 3/15/72.

The following points highlighted the meeting:

I. MONTHLY REPORTS

Monthly reports are to be directed to the members of the Council by the 10th of each month.

The members are: G.I. Rozand, P.L. Bogart, H.G. Snyder, A. Silverberg, M.K. Rosen, T.T. Zuhl, J.J. Zullo, P.R. Scarito, A.C. Siegel and W.A. Britton. The members then have time to read the reports prior to open discussion at the meeting.

I am somewhat embarrassed to note that the R&D report was missing.

II. ATTENDANCE

Messrs. Williams and Britton were absent. Members were strongly requested to make appropriate advance plans to assure their attendance.

The next meeting is scheduled for Burlington at 1:30 PM on 4/19/72.

III. SAFETY AWARENESS PROGRAM

The plants have instituted a Safety Jogger Program that I urge R&D to adopt. A Safety Jogger is attached. The idea is to stimulate contact between supervision and employees. Once per day, each supervisor (including M.W. Williams) would establish contact with an employee and ask the employee:

1. a safety rule
or
2. has he observed an unsafe practice
or
3. does he have a suggestion
or
4. does he have a question?

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The employee may also seek out a member of supervision.

The R&D Safety Chairman would coalate the cards, highlight high frequency areas and/or take prompt action on areas requiring immediate attention.

This is a positive program.

IV. PLANT SAFETY

I pointed out that the Burlington Plant has been in excellent control in the safe handling of the recovered monomer systems. Compressor detonations, resulting from peroxide formation, previously had been a fairly frequent occurrence (average of one in six months but sporadic occurrences at higher frequencies). Through a joint effort involving Quality Control (O₂, peroxide and phenol analyses), Engineering and Manufacturing, control parameters for the Quality Control tests have been established and a detonation has not occurred in close to two years.

V. ENVIRONMENT

As a point of interest, Tenneco, Inc. spent \$189M on environmental control in 1971 but forecasts a budget of \$2M by 1973. Part of the story here is related to the Muskie Bill which passed Congress 96 to 0. In essence, this bill states that pollution emission must be zero at the source rather than controlled downstream.

VI. TENNECO (DISSENTER GROUPS)

It has been learned that Tenneco, Inc. will be the target of underground newspapers with emphasis on: Farming (hurting the little farmers), Pollution and War Support (nuclear submarines). This may carry over, especially in the area of Pollution, to community safety attacks. Criticism techniques up to and including sabotage have occurred in previous and current cases.

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Attachment.

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