



March 19, 1974

Mr. Norman Sturn
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Dear Mr. Sturn:

Your letter to our Mr. John Fields has been referred to me for a reply. In answer to your question concerning the 14 carcinogens, please be advised that the polyvinyl chloride resins which we produce do not contain any of the 14 materials listed as carcinogens under OSHA regulations. We cannot speak for the compounding additives and suggest you contact your suppliers in this regard.

Union Carbide has no reason to believe that there is a cancer hazard associated with the PVC it sells. However, this possibility is a recent development and the situation is still under intensive investigation by Union Carbide and others.

The examination of your blending operators would be a prudent step. NIOSH has made certain recommendations to OSHA regarding examinations of persons exposed to VCM in the production of PVC. I attach a copy for your information and guidance. You may wish to take it with you when you discuss arrangements for the examinations with a physician.

Very truly yours,

Associate Medical Director

C. U. Darnehl, M. D.

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Attachment

bcc: D. H. Glenn, M. D.

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