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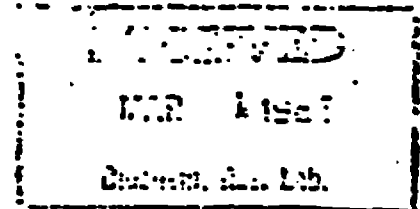
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Reply to: City Hall
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Mr. Larry Silverstein, Environmental Research Section
Biochemical Research Laboratory
1701 Building
The Dow Chemical Company
Midland, Michigan



Dear Mr. Silverstein:

This letter is to confirm our verbal evaluation given at the employee-management meeting held in 349 Building on January 19, 1965, concerning the precautions instituted to minimize trichlorophenol "contaminant" exposure.

While an understandably alarming incidence of chloracne developed among the workmen in 4199 Building before the need for practically complete avoidance of contact with "contaminated" trichlorophenol or its residues became known, we feel certain that the written safety precautions issued and in practice at the time of our investigation January 18 and 19, 1965, give very reasonable protection against the risk of further cases of chloracne. We fully support management's view that the employees may safely engage in their necessary production and maintenance duties.

It is an unusual substance that requires such stringent precautionary measures and we must state that those finally adopted are far more restrictive than we ourselves would have recommended, had we been consulted earlier in the course of the problem. We wish to commend the company for their very diligent study of the problem and its solution.

Very truly yours,

DIVISION OF OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH

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