



TO Shipping Foremen/Personnel DATE August 24, 1987
FROM Jim Lafleur SUBJECT Air/N2 Connections

Recently several Air/N2 adapters (Kelly to Quick-Connect) fittings were found in the dock area. While this is not in keeping with the stated plant policy it is understandable why they were necessary. One was attached to the air operated pump used to strip the water from stern rakes of barges and is operated on air except at "A" Dock which has only Nitrogen. We normally would use the steam siphon to remove the water from the barge rakes but there is no steam at "A" dock.

Two were found at "C" dock and had to be used to clear lines and dry the ships tanks after the out of spec tri-ethane had been off loaded. This doesn't happen very often and presented an unusual requirement for N2 and hoses.

The other was found at the VDCM Tank Truck rack and the need there is due to the fittings found on the padding connections of the trucks hauling VDCM. Some of the fittings can be removed and some cannot be easily reached to be removed.

The problem as I see it is that we have a legitimate need on occasion for an illegal connection but we have not communicated this need to anyone nor done a very good job of controlling its' use. I have notified Bob McCorquodale of our need for an exemption and how we are going to control the adapters use.

The Shift Foremen/Lead Tankerman will be responsible for storing, issuing and recording when and where the device is being used and when it is removed. This information will be recorded in their logbooks. This will apply to Plant "A" and Plant "B" on back shifts and weekends. The Plant "B" Shipping Foremen/Lead Tankerman will handle the use on day shift.

We will strive to use the appropriate connections in all cases and the adapter only where absolutely necessary. Under no circumstance can we tolerate or afford to leave these devices out in the area. When we are finished using them they must be returned to the Shipping Foreman or Shift Foremen's office and noted in the logbook. Thanks for your cooperation.

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