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This is to inform you that I have not forgotten your request for the information you requested concerning high pressure hydroblasting. I talked to Warren Clark and he informed me the report was being finalized and would send me a copy. When I receive it, I will have to get it approved for outside publication.

I hope this delay has not inconvenienced you and meanwhile, if you have any specific questions, I'll try to obtain answers.

Regards,

Robert R. Oubre
VCM/EDC/AHCl
Technology Center

RRO/drr

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Date

January 18, 1980

To

Bruce J. Brocka

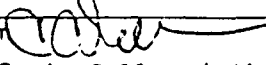
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LakeCharles

Subject

Action Points from VCSA Meeting

From


C. A. Gellner/sdj

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Bruce, please go over each of the five action points as defined in the attached and feedback to me by January 25 the present condition or actions on these points and a time table to accomplish the ones that have not been accomplished.

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2. Georgia Pacific at Plaquemine had a man fall into one of their 34,000 gallon reactors causing severe injuries and burns. The explanation was that the man was hurrying; violating basic safety regulations as far as locking out the agitator, as far as the procedure for turning equipment off. The person involved was installing an automatic reactor cleaning nozzle onto an autoclave that was just emptied. He did this without locking out the agitator and without turning off a blower which ventilates fumes from the top of the reactor, and the manway. As he was fitting this device to the manway, the suction created by the fan pulled in the automatic cleaning device and the person who was installing it was also pulled into the reactor.

ACTION POINTS

1. A means of checking the oxygen level in the Vinyl Chloride stream on the suction of degas compressor should be investigated.
2. Autoclave nozzles especially in cooler locations where HCL could condense and cause chloride stress corrosion cracking should be examined radiographically during the next turnaround or before if time permits.
3. The reemphasis on safety procedure for checklist and lockout procedures will be made as a result of the incident at Georgia Pacific related during the "True Confessions" section of the VCSA program.
4. CertainTeed must provide the report data for the EPA files called for in the EPA regulations effective October 1978.
5. The transfer pump explosion incident at ICI will be discussed in supervisor meetings and operator shift safety meetings so as to reemphasize importance of near running a pump against a closed valve.

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Attachment

12-11-79 - set up endg Dec for CAB

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Date

January 30, 1980

To

Mr. A. Gellner

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Lake Charles #283

Subject

VCSA Meeting Minutes
B. Broca 11/27/79

From

R. *PK* Kelly/veh

Location and mail code

Blue Bell #2126

cc: Mr. B. Brocka - Lake Charles #283

Under the action points listed by Bruce:

1. I think we discussed this once before. If you have not already done so let's establish 3/31 as target date for recommendation including est. cost.
4. Follow-up and let me know when completed.
5. Why not put a limit switch on the vacuum discharge valve which would shut the pump down if the valve was closed. It should be a minor cost and it removes dependence on the operators.

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