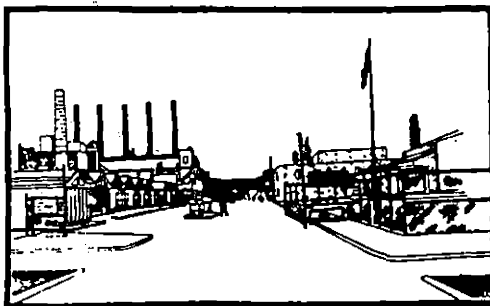




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Message From The Plant Manager. . .

THROUGHOUT OUR PLANT'S LONG OPERATIONAL HISTORY, COUNTLESS CHEMICALS HAVE BEEN USED OR MANUFACTURED IN OUR PROCESSES.

GIVEN THE COVERAGE OF THE NEWS MEDIA ON CHEMICAL EXPOSURES AND THEIR POSSIBLE HEALTH EFFECTS, WE DECIDED TO UNDERTAKE A SOIL SAMPLING PROGRAM AT THE KRUMMRICH PLANT TO ASSURE OUR EMPLOYEES THAT NO EXPOSURE PROBLEM, OR THE POTENTIAL FOR ONE, EXISTS.

WE DESIGNED THE SAMPLING PROGRAM TO LOOK FOR THREE CHEMICALS THAT HAVE RECEIVED MUCH MEDIA ATTENTION...DIOXIN (SPECIFICALLY, 2,3,7,8-TCDD), PCBs AND MERCURY. TO DATE, WE HAVE ANALYZED THE TOP TWO INCHES OF 45 SOIL SAMPLES WITH THE BEST TECHNOLOGICAL AND ANALYTICAL CAPABILITIES AVAILABLE TO US. THOUGH WE PLAN TO TAKE ABOUT 20 ADDITIONAL SAMPLES, I WOULD LIKE TO SHARE WITH YOU THE RESULTS WE HAVE SO FAR.

- THREE SAMPLES FOUND DETECTABLE LEVELS OF 2,3,7,8-TCDD. TWO OF THE SAMPLES WERE LESS THAN ONE PART PER BILLION (PPB). THE THIRD SAMPLE, WHICH WAS OVER ONE PPB, WAS TAKEN NEAR THE PLANT'S FENCE LINE WHERE THERE IS A LOW POTENTIAL FOR HUMAN EXPOSURE. WHEN WE EXTEND OUR EMPLOYEE PARKING LOT IN THE NEAR FUTURE, THIS AREA WILL BE PAVED OVER WITH ASPHALT. THE REST OF THE SAMPLES FOUND NO DETECTABLE LEVELS OF THE CHEMICAL CONTAMINANT 2,3,7,8-TCDD.

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- THE RESULTS OF THE MERCURY SAMPLES INDICATED NO EXPOSURE PROBLEMS.
- THE PCB SAMPLES TAKEN WITHIN THE PLANT SHOWED NO CONCENTRATIONS OF ANY SIGNIFICANCE EXCEPT FOR ONE SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE OLD AROCLOR DOCK. APPROPRIATE ACTION WILL BE TAKEN TO ELIMINATE ANY EXPOSURE POTENTIAL.

WE CAN ALL BE PROUD OF KRUMMRICH'S MEDICAL, ENVIRONMENTAL AND INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE RECORDS. IT IS GRATIFYING FOR ME TO SEE THAT THE RESULTS OF THE SOIL SAMPLING PROGRAM CONFIRM THAT OUR PLANT CONTINUES TO BE A SAFE WORKPLACE FOR YOU AND ME.

Jack W. Malloy

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COMMENT

I WOULD LIKE TO MAKE A COMMENT ON ARA. TODAY IS THURSDAY, NOV. 10. WE REPORTED ON MONDAY, NOV. 7, THAT THE MILK MACHINE IN FRONT OF THE POWERHOUSE WAS TAKING PEOPLE'S MONEY AND NOT WORKING. TUESDAY, WE LOST MONEY AND AGAIN REPORTED IT. YESTERDAY (WEDNESDAY), WE REPORTED IT AGAIN. TODAY, WE GO OUT TO GET MILK OUT OF THE MACHINE AND IT TAKES OUR MONEY AGAIN. I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW WHY, AFTER FOUR DAYS, THAT THEY CAN'T COVER THE MACHINE UP IF THEY CAN'T FIX IT OR GET IT FIXED.

ANSWER

YOU HAVE PROBABLY BEEN REPORTING THE PROBLEM TO THE WRONG PEOPLE. IF AN ARA MACHINE IS NOT WORKING PROPERLY, THE PROBLEM SHOULD BE REPORTED TO DON WELLS, STA. 2307. ARA WAS CALLED TODAY, NOV. 10, AS SOON AS YOUR COMMENT WAS RECEIVED.

PAINT CLAIM APPRAISAL

THE INSURANCE APPRAISER WILL BE AT THE PLANT ON WEDNESDAY, NOV. 16, AT 8:00 A.M., TO INSPECT VEHICLES WHOSE OWNERS HAVE FILED A PAINT DAMAGE CLAIM AS THE RESULT OF A PAINT SPRAY INCIDENT IN MID-AUGUST.

VEHICLE OWNERS WHO HAVE SUCH A CLAIM SHOULD PARK THEIR VEHICLES IN THE FRONT ROWS, SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE EAST PARKING LOT ON THAT MORNING, AND LEAVE A NOTE ON THEIR DASHBOARD INDICATING THAT THE VEHICLE IS TO BE INSPECTED.

LOST: WEDDING RING SET. WHITE GOLD. DEBBIE BAKER, SERVICES, BASEMENT BK.

SINCERE THANKS TO EVERYONE WHO PARTICIPATED IN MY RETIREMENT PARTY AND CONTRIBUTED TO MY GIFTS. I WILL MISS ALL OF YOU. --CLYDE MORRIS