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CHEMICAL COMPANY, INC.



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RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

March 23, 1978
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Ms. Adeline Harrison
Administrator, Region VI
Environmental Protection Agency
First International Bank Building
1201 Elm Street
Dallas, Texas 75270

Dear Ms. Harrison:

On this date, it was necessary to make a tie-in on a line which was insulated with asbestos. Asbestos insulation was removed from about 3 feet of a 10-inch line and from a 10-inch valve. The asbestos was wetted, stripped from the line, placed in plastic bags, and was landfilled in our asbestos disposal site.

It was necessary to make this tie-in today to alleviate a serious steam pressure imbalance in the Plant. This severe imbalance was brought about by this week's hot weather. The Plant steam imbalance threatened the operation of one of our major operating units, which, if shutdown instantaneously, could jeopardize the operation of all Plant Site operating units. Therefore, it was felt that this tie-in was urgent. We did not know that this was asbestos insulation until we got into the job and we notified you as soon as possible.

This letter will serve as notification of this work, as required by 40 CFR. 61.22 (d) (2). The attached data sheet lists all pertinent data.

Please contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

P. E. Hime
Plant Manager

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Attachment

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