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TO: Sid Pitts

FROM: T. G. Grumbles
DATE: October 1, 1985

Interoffice
Communication

SUBJ: INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

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In response to your request, following are the items I request you send to me before the plant program assessment.

1. Any correspondence regarding progress or response to the recommendations made in the 1983 report.
2. A summary of industrial hygiene sampling data for the last 12 months.
3. Written plant programs for the following:
 - a. Respiratory protection
 - b. Vessel entry
 - c. IA sampling program/plan, etc.
4. Plant documents regarding evaluation and determination of current sampling methods.

Having the above for review prior to the plant visit will greatly increase the effectiveness of the assessment team's in-plant time.

Also enclosed is the revised Vista assessment criteria. We still need to schedule specific dates. Please let me know as soon as possible.



Thomas G. Grumbles

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December 19, 1985

Mr. Bill Wetherington
Operations Manager
Southchem Inc.
P.O. Box 886
Durham, NC 27702

Dear Mr. Wetherington:

On November 1 several Vista employees visited Southchem to discuss several issues regarding railcar shipments of Vista muriatic acid to your facility. It has been brought to my attention that during the visit Vista personnel observed what appeared to be unsafe operating conditions that could potentially result in personal injury or unacceptable exposure to acid vapors. While the visit was not intended to be a safety or health review of your operations, the practices described and observed caused concern among our operations personnel who are experienced in handling acid.

As the safety and health of our customer's employees is of vital concern to Vista, we are enclosing another Material Safety Data sheet for Vista muriatic acid. We ask that you carefully review the contents regarding the safe handling and disposal of muriatic acid.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the MSDS content or the safety and health aspects of handling muriatic acid.

Sincerely,

Thomas G. Grumbles, CIH
Environmental Quality Manager

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