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VISTA

Mr. Alan Jurrsich  
INA/CIGNA  
139 West Livingston Pl.  
Metairie, LA 70005

Dear Alan:

Enclosed is a summary of the blood lead measurements from Aberdeen for 1986 and 1985. Names and other personal identifiers have been removed.

Al Sather, Aberdeen Safety Director, should have contacted you by now regarding the plant visit. He will be sending you most of the information we discussed prior to your visit.

Please call me at 713/531-3445 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

  
Thomas G. Grumbles, C.I.H.  
Environmental Quality Manager

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cc M. McMullen  
A. Sather

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ENVIRONMENTAL

SAFETY RECORDS

Vista's last lost-time accident occurred August 7, 1985 at the LCCP. There were 23 recordable injuries in 1986 FY and 26 recordable injuries in 1985 FY. During the 1986 FY the plants achieved the following years with no lost-time accidents:

|           |    |
|-----------|----|
| Aberdeen  | 7  |
| OKC       | 8  |
| Baltimore | 2  |
| Hammond   | 22 |
| LC LAB    | 4  |
| LCCP      | 1  |
| LC VCM    | 12 |

Aberdeen and LC VCM also exceeded 3MM manhours without a lost-time accident during this period.

CAPITAL COMMITMENTS    MM\$

|               | <u>1986 FY</u><br>(Actual) | <u>1987 FY</u><br>(Forecast/Budget) |
|---------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Environmental | 4.25                       | 4.55/5.06                           |
| Safety/OSHA   | 1.72                       | ?/1.80                              |

Environmental expenditures per category (air, water, etc.) are not readily available.

MEDICAL

On an annual basis, all employees from Vista's manufacturing locations, R&D, and many employees from Engineering who routinely are involved with "inplant" activities are provided a comprehensive medical examination by Vista. These evaluations, which include a physician exam (hands-on), are provided at no cost to the employee, and medical confidentiality is maintained. These exams were developed to identify work-related illnesses in people potentially exposed to specific workplace hazards.

Workplace monitoring programs include both the evaluation of the individual employee as well as the workplace through routine industrial hygiene programs. Routinely, monitoring for VCM, lead, benzene, total particulates, etc. is performed and results provided to appropriate parties - including the employee.

Medical screening programs also are provided to all prospective employees to identify any specific needs prior to job placement. Urine drug screens are now an integral part of Vista's preplacement evaluation.

In addition to preemployment urine drug screening, Vista Medical provides assistance for rehabilitation of employees found to have substance abuse problems. We also actively support and promote wellness programs such as weight control, smoking cessation and exercise.

The total cost for injury-medical treatment since July 20, 1984 is now at \$340,000.

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### QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Q. Is Vista involved in any Superfund site clean-ups or litigation?

A. No. Vista is not currently involved in any Superfund site litigation or clean-up activity. It is unlikely that Vista will be based on the retained liabilities provision of the APA. Costs for any such action would be substantially incurred by Conoco/DuPont.

Q. Is Vista currently involved in any significant enforcement or punitive activity with any governmental environmental agencies?

A. Yes. We are conducting a groundwater contamination study at the Lake Charles Chemical Complex under order of the Louisiana Department of Environmental quality.

Negotiations have been held with the State of Maryland regarding a similar study at the Baltimore plant site.

In 1985, settlement was reached with the Department of Justice and EPA in three vinyl chloride air emission suits at the OKC, Aberdeen and LC VCM plants. Conoco was liable for penalties and capital expenditures required by the settlement and Vista was liable for required administrative measures.

Q. Is Vista currently involved in any lawsuits or settlements regarding occupational disease resulting from occupational exposure to toxic chemicals?

A. No.

Q. How has Vista responded to the potential for Bohpal type catastrophes.

A. Vista plants are working actively with local authorities at it's manufacturing location. The LCCC and Baltimore plants are very active in local committees planning emergency response and evacuation procedures for those communities. Various levels of drills have been held in each location.

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