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REPORT ON CHLOROPHENOL TANKCAR DERAILEMENT -- Jan. 11, 1979
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The latest report from Krummrich is that the 20,000 gal. tankcar full of chlorophenol has drained out and the car is empty. The area has been diked off and work has been started to cover the chemical with sand.

The background is that early today a derailment occurred at Sturgeon, Mo., which is about 130 miles west of St. Louis, on a Norfolk and Western line. The tankcar was enroute from Krummrich to Tacoma, Washington. Radio reports are that 800 to 1,000 residents were evacuated after the car was punctured by a wheel that had become detached during the derailment.

A team from Krummrich including Phil Kirk and Joe Starzak was enroute to the scene. Bob Neunreiter is also on the way.

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Chlorophenol is an intermediate chemical used for wood preservative. It is also described as chlorinated carbolic acid. It is listed as corrosive and toxic. It is irritating to the eyes and respiratory system and can burn on contact with the skin. It can burn but does not support burning by itself.

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