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DATE: November 30, 1983

SUBJECT: Pipe Joint Safety

REFERENCE:

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A few months ago, the Indian Orchard plant concluded that some special measures must be taken to identify the real underlying causes of a distressingly high number of "gasket failures" resulting in release of dangerous materials.

We appointed a special Gasketing Task Force to study the problem and recommend solutions. Their conclusions have such broad applicability that I am sending you each a copy of the final report for your use.

I am also sending copies to CED for consideration in conjunction with capital projects and CED design standards, and to the Directors of Manufacturing for possible use in the Manufacturing Council.

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Are they referring to chemical products out of the pipes or asbestos releases?

(it is the former. (see next page))