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Vinyl Chloride Safety
Association Meeting,
October, 1984

Dear Member:

Our Program Chairman, Dave Middleton, has put together the attached tentative program for the Vinyl Chloride Safety Association meeting on October 11 and 12 in Phoenix. It is a most interesting program; the only problem will be fitting it into our accustomed time slot. In fact, we may need to continue after lunch on Friday. Please keep this in mind when making your travel plans.

The hotel notes that the cutoff date for our block of reservations is September 10, 1984. After that date, not only will you not get our \$60 rate, you run the risk of not getting a room at all. Please make your reservations at once, with a deposit equal to the daily room rate to:

The Clarion Inn at McCormick Ranch
7401 North Scottsdale Road
Scottsdale, Arizona 85253
U.S.A.

Phone: (602) 948-5050
U.S. Toll free: 800-528-3130

You should plan to arrive on the evening of Wednesday, October 10, 1984.

Five risk management questionnaires are attached to this letter; most members have indicated that such surveys are very valuable so I make no apology for the number. One of them is a follow-up on last year's runaway reaction control survey. John Vaughan also proposes to circulate directly a questionnaire on another aspect of the topic, which has aroused so much interest that a short review of last year's data and conclusions is in the program.

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The oxygen/VCM survey addresses a topic of concern to all of us. The gasholder and recovery system corrosion questionnaires arise because of actual plant incidents which will be discussed by the presenters.

The initiator survey is appropriate at the present moment because closed reactor charging has increased the problems in this area, and because a number of alternative forms of initiator are now being offered in the interest of safety. This questionnaire seeks opinions on specific hazards and precautions rather than process details, firstly because this part of the operation is felt to be in a state of flux, and secondly, to reduce concerns about the proprietary nature of some process details. The seriousness of the topic will be highlighted at the meeting by reviews of fatalities caused by different types of initiator system failure.

At the last meeting, the general handling of these questionnaires was discussed with the following conclusions:

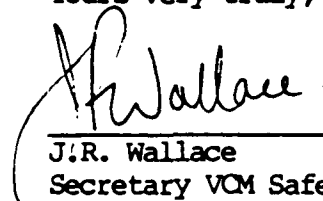
1. A review of the responses will be presented by the author of the questionnaire at the meeting designated; contributing companies will not be named.
2. Copies of the review and any other data the author thinks appropriate will be sent only to those companies which contributed.
3. Anonymous responses will be accepted but will, of course, not obtain the review.
4. If the author wishes at a later date to make a publication in the open literature including some data from the review he is at liberty to do so, provided the individual data sources are not named. Please indicate if you would not wish your data to be included in such a publication.

For maximum benefit, as many responses as possible, with maximum candour are desired. Sometimes actions taken may be considered to be proprietary. In this case, the statement "Proprietary" is preferred to a blank entry, which may be taken as indicating no action at all.

Mr. Gottesman's contribution at 4 p.m. on Thursday is outside the official hours of the meeting because the by-laws do not permit him to attend the meeting. This is, however, a very important topic.

I look forward to seeing you at what promises to be a most fruitful meeting.

Yours very truly,


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Secretary VCM Safety Association

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VINYL CHLORIDE SAFETY ASSOCIATION MEETING

October 11-12, 1984

Phoenix, Arizona

Tentative Agenda

Thursday, October 11, 1984

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
8:00 a.m.	Registration and Coffee	
	<u>Emergency Control and Releases</u>	
8:30	Implications of 1983 Review of Runaway Reaction Control	J.R. Wallace, Esso Chemical
8:45	Automatic Short-Stop System Review	R.W. Ormsby, Air Products
9:10	Short Stopper Efficiency Review	J.T. Vaughan, I.C.I.
9:35	Survey of V.I. Members - Frequency and Size of Emergency VC Discharges	J.T. Barr, Air Products
10:00	<u>Safety Committees</u>	
	Safety Committees - How to Make them Effective	Mr. Bryan, Limburgse Vinyl Maatschappij
10:30	Coffee Break	
10:45 a.m.	<u>Health</u>	
	Angiosarcoma Update	Dr. B. Bennett, ICI
	Review of VCM Medical Research	Dr. B. Bennett, ICI
	Alleged Health Problems Associated with VCM	P. Ragnes, Norsk Hydro
12:00 p.m.	Lunch	
	<u>Guest Speaker</u> - Mr. Ray McConkey, SPI 'Fire Fighting Techniques for VCM Fires'	

Thursday, October 11 (Continued)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
1:30	<u>Fire Suppression Systems</u> Halon Fire Suppression Systems in Control Rooms, Computer Rooms and Electrical Switchgear Rooms	B. Reynolds, PPG
2:00	<u>Hazop Studies</u> A Study with Reference to Electrical Classification in Hazardous Areas	D. Summerbell, Norsk Hydro Polymers
2:30	Corrosion in Recovery System	Esso Chemical
2:45	Coffee Break	
3:00	<u>Environmental - Regulatory</u> Update on EPA/OSHA Regulatory Activities	W.C. Holbrook, B.F. Goodrich Chemical
	Update on Current Litigation on Emergency Discharges	B. Boston
4:00	Official Close of Meeting for the Day <u>Association - V.I. Activities Seminar</u> Update on V.I. Activities	T. Gottesman, Vinyl Institute
	Open Discussion on Future Joint Safety Activities	

Friday, October 12, 1984

8:00 a.m.	<u>Business Meeting</u> - Election of Officers - Selection of 1985 Meeting Site - Treasurer's Report
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Friday, October 12 (Continued)

<u>Time</u>	<u>Subject</u>	<u>Discussion Leader</u>
	<u>Peroxide and Initiator Hazards</u>	
8:30	Oxygen Levels and Hazards	W.J. McDonald, Diamond Shamrock, Alberta Gas
9:00	Initiator Hazards - Review of Major Incidents	H. Waltemate, B.F. Goodrich also Union Carbide
9:40	Initiator Handling Systems - Membership Review	J.R. Wallace, Esso Chemical
10:00	Coffee Break	
10:15-	Incident reviews and Followups (True Confessions)	
	These will include Gasholder failure Other Case Histories from	Esso Chemical P. Ragnes, Norsk Hydro D. Bennett, Diamond Shamrock Alberta Gas H. Waltemate, B.F. Goodrich J. King, Occidental
12:00 - 1:00	Lunch	
1:00	True Confessions - continued	

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