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SUBJECT VCM Tank Car Testing

References: (1) Memo M.E. Wagshul to
H.B. Carr, 4/1/71 (attached)
• (2) Your Note, 4/5/71

Prompted by Prominsa's recent disturbing experience (unloading ethylene oxide into a VCM storage tank), Quality Control has reviewed incoming control tests.

It has been decided that a gas chromatographic analysis will provide the most straight-forward and direct means of positive identification of VCM. A gas chromatograph (from Polyfyde inventory) will be set up in Flemington Quality Control and by 4/30/71 both Burlington and Flemington will routinely test incoming VCM shipments.

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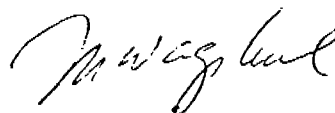
TO H. Carr AT Burlington DATE April 1, 1971
FROM M. Wagshul AT Burlington COPY TO P. R. Scarito
SUBJECT VC-TANK CAR TESTING E. Hourihan

Herb,

At our Central Safety Committee meeting, we discussed unloading of a car of ethylene oxide into polyvinyl chloride tank due to inadequate pretesting of the monomer.

To preclude this type of occurrence, I suggest we look into using a Dorrell Weathering test for approving unloading of all VC tank cars at the Burlington and Flemington Plants. This is a 15 minute test which would guarantee the contents of the car and insure against unloading the wrong material.

Please let me know if this is a practical means of solving this problem.



M. Wagshul

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