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(6) Mr. J. L. Worstell

Date November 21, 1979
Originating Dept. Environmental Protection

Answering letter date

Subject Vinyl Chloride -
Freedom of Information
Act Requests

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FYI

Attached to this letter are copies of all requests made under the Freedom of Information Act concerning our vinyl chloride operations at South Charleston. Also attached are reports of two telephone calls from the EPA and a copy of a letter sent to EPA requesting the list of inquirers.

Two immediate observations:

- 1) The EPA seems to be taking a very literal interpretation of Freedom of Information Act requests (see 11/6/79 telephone call). This may be advantageous to industry, since this would preclude a "fishing" request.
- 2) Some of the letters of request are not at all specific (see EDF letter).

Once a report has been cleared by us, EPA will no longer notify us when they receive a request for its issue. Therefore we must be sure that our first review deletes all "business confidential" information.

Very truly yours,

J. R. Soice

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Attachment



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION III

6TH AND WALNUT STREETS
PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

In Reply Refer To: 3EN11

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Mr. John R. Soice
Senior Environmental Protection Engineer
Union Carbide Corporation
P.O. Box 8004
South Charleston, West Virginia 25303

Dear Mr. Soice:

Enclosed please find copies of all requests made under the Freedom of Information Act concerning Union Carbide's South Charleston vinyl chloride operations. We are sending copies of request letters in lieu of the "written list of all inquirers" requested in your letter of October 23, 1979. In our November 6, 1979 telephone conversation, you indicated that this substitution is acceptable.

Please feel free to contact us if you have any further questions.

Sincerely,

Veronica Burrows

Veronica Burrows
Air Enforcement Branch

Enclosures

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