

To: All Employees

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Interoffice
Communication

Subject: **UNION CARBIDE COMPANY NEWS RELEASE
PVC COMPOUNDING HEALTH ISSUES**

VISTA

We just received a news release from Union Carbide Corporation concerning health studies of PVC and polyethylene compounding workers.

Some points that Union Carbide made are:

- They think that entering and hand-cleaning of PVC blenders is the most likely route of exposure to suspect chemicals.
- VCM is not a suspect.
- The excess cancers that they mentioned occurred in workers assigned more than sixteen years to PVC and polyethylene areas.
- Cadmium, lead and some plasticizers are suspects.

This particular issue relates to pancreatic cancer. The attached information is all we know at this time, but we will keep you informed as we learn more.

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