



INTERNAL CORRESPONDENCE

CHEMICALS AND PLASTICS

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SUBJECT: OSHA VCM Standard - Texas City  
Plant Compliance Plans

Dear John:

On Friday, December 12, Messrs. Sesler, Frantz, and the undersigned met with the exempt Production supervisors in the Suspension/Non-Solvent and Solvent PVC production area as well as representatives from the Maintenance, Industrial Hygiene, Environmental Protection and R&D groups, to fill them in on the conclusions and understandings reached last Tuesday at the Compliance Status meeting in New York. The purpose of this communication is to confirm with you these understandings and to advise you of the message that has been passed on to the Texas City Plant group.

On April 1, 1976, much of the Suspension/Non-Solvent operation and a portion of the Solvent unit will probably not be below 1.0 PPM average 8-hour exposure level. In these areas where we are confident that this level will be exceeded, respiratory equipment will be worn. Recognizing that this will be a burden on our employees, the various engineering programs designed to bring the units into total compliance without the use of respirators will move ahead expeditiously.

As Bob Sesler so aptly put it, "We're going to take a positive approach to this problem. We will advise our employees that Carbide continues to be concerned about the health of its employees; wearing the respirators is for their protection as OSHA intended it to be and we will, in all good faith, continue to do everything practical to protect our employees' health and comply with the law."

We all fully endorse this doctrine and appreciate the guidance provided in the December 9 meeting.

Sincerely,

M. E. Eisenhower

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