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Medical Surveillance
VCM Guidelines

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I have read the attachments to your April 4 memo several times and have reviewed them with my notes and recollections. The composition and content of the medical surveillance must be a medical decision. I am not qualified to comment on the content.

If I draw parallels with my physical science background, there is far too much freedom by leaving too many things to the physician's discretion. To me this is not a policy because the action of the physicians will be quite different at one plant than at another. I think this can lead to potentially serious problems in the future. How do you determine if any employee's health will be materially impaired by VCM exposure--the physician's judgement.

I think the exposure data for Caribe and Lake Charles that you presented along with Perez-Roig's comments are exemplary of divergent judgements--if there is any significance in the tests being done for VCM workers. I think it may be other chlorinated hydrocarbons at Lake Charles that are complicating the enzyme tests and VCM exposure data.

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