

TO Plant B-I and B-II
Shift Supervisors

DATE January 10, 1984

FROM E. J. Tullier *EJT*

SUBJECT Unreported VCM Release

On December 23, 1983, a VCM release occurred in the VCM storage area (see attached Environmental Report). This incident was not reported or logged by shift supervision, and only one of the two operators involved logged the occurrence. Fortunately, a day supervisor in VCM-I read the operator's log book and reported the incident to the Environmental Group on 12/27, at which time they reported it to the State DNR four days late. This is not acceptable performance by operators or supervision. We are required by law to report such incidents on a timely basis. I cannot over emphasize the importance of good communications, both written and verbal, among operators, operators and supervision, and among supervisors. Please remind your people of the need for communicating and our legal obligations to report such occurrences.

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Attach.

cc: John Hart/Bob Byars
Plant B General Foremen

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we don't want to ever get ourselves
in this type of situation. This applies
to "Taking a control device out of service"
such as ① still line scrubber ② vent to incinerator
③ opening HVS still vent to drum because of
a plugged line. etc, etc.

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ENVIRONMENTAL UPSET REPORT

~~General Foreman~~
~~Production Superintendent~~
~~Operations Superintendent~~
Plant Manager
Environmental Control

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SUBJECT: VINYL CHLORIDE RELEASE
FROM: C.S. GRAYBILL

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PLANT B-II

Please complete the following questionnaire and forward as soon as possible.
[This report must be received by the Environmental Control Department within five (5) calendar days of the incident.]

1. DATE OF INCIDENT: 12/23/83
2. SOURCE OF RELEASE: VC II TRANSFER LINE RUPTURE DISC (EAST)
3. TIME AND DURATION: 1:00 PM FOR 2-3 MINUTES
4. WEATHER CONDITIONS (Circle One): Clear Partly Cloudy Cloudy Rain
5. WIND SPEED AND DIRECTION (if a gas release): 10 mph N
6. HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RELEASED: VINYL CHLORIDE
7. ESTIMATED QUANTITY RELEASED: 225 lbs
8. CAUSE OF RELEASE: RUPTURE DISC FAILED DURING A TRANSFER AND A BLEED VALVE WAS LEFT OPEN UNDERNEATH SRV PUTTING VINYL ONTO GROUND RATHER THAN INTO THE DISPERSION STACK.
9. IMMEDIATE ACTION TAKEN: VC-I OPERATOR RESPONDED FIRST TO VAPOR DETECTOR ALARM AND SHUT BLEED VALVE AND SWITCHED SRV'S.
10. ACTION PLANS TO PREVENT REOCCURRENCE: OPERATORS IN STORAGE AREA WILL BE COUNSELLED TO CHECK THESE BLEED VALVES WHEN PUTTING RUPTURE DISC'S & SRV'S BACK INTO SERVICE.
11. NOTIFICATION MADE (Who, When): NO NOTIFICATION WAS MADE TO SUPERVISION IMMEDIATELY. ON 12/27 IT WAS REPORTED TO ENVIRONMENTAL DEPT. THE OPERATOR WAS COUNSELLED ON 12/27 AND REINFORMED THAT 1 POUND OF VINYL ("ABOUT A PINT") RELEASED HAD
Environmental File # _____ TO BE REPORTED THROUGH THE CHAIN OF COMMAND TO SUPERVISION.

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