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To: Vinyl Institute Executive Board
Vinyl Institute Manufacturing Practices Committee

Subject: Formosa Plastics

The enclosed letter was received today from Larry Peyton, the plant manager of the Formosa Plastics Delaware City plant. It obviously is their response to my January 8 letter to Governor Castle.

I hope Peyton takes greater care about how his plant is operated than he did about proof-reading this letter. Even the Governor's first name is misspelled!

I don't think we are particularly interested in sharing their experiences. I don't think Vinyl Institute members are interested in learning how to do things wrong!

We have not had any response from the Governor's office as yet.

As usual, your comments and thoughts will be appreciated.

Roy

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Dear Sir:

Although I am not personally aware of the charter of the Vinyl Institute we are very impressed with your offer for assistance. We are also concerned about your fears that solutions agreed to with the DNREC and their consultants would be "unreliable or unproven".

Formosa Plastic corporation is a member of the Vinyl Chloride Safety Association (VSCA) and has been for some years. Many if not all the members you mentioned are associated with VSCA. The purpose of this group as you know is to help improve the safety and minimize the environmental impact of member plants. We value this association greatly.

You may rest assured that the "containment system" concept is not unproven technology. This approach coupled with the use of "short stop agents" (which have been in use at this facility since the early 1970's), system assurance programs and good preventative maintenance should reduce the probability of a relief valve discharge and thus reduce possible pollution problems.

We also subscribe to the idea that good positive criticism creates improvement. One of the very positive aspects of this 1985 experience has been a new direction and dedication to achievement for Formosa Plastics.

We are willing to share our experiences with you which have been very valuable to us. If you feel that we may be of assistance to help you avoid similar problems please don't hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,



Larry Peyton

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cc: The Honorable Micheal N. Castle
John E. Wilson III
Thomas P. Eichler
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