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Monsanto Chemical Co.
800 N. Lynberg Blvd.
St. Louis 66, Missouri

Attention: Dr. Emmet Kelly

Dear Dr. Kelly:

In reference to our recent telephone conversation, I would like to further discuss the incident wherein two of our plant personnel were exposed to hot Arochlor (1248) vapors generated by a broken pipe connection. For your information and records the two men developed symtoms of Hepetitis as you predicted and were confined to a hospital for approximately two weeks.

In view of the above experience which has given me considerable concern I felt that the matter should be brought to your attention. Since we are dealing with a highly toxic material at high temperatures and since these failures cannot be prevented, it is felt that a more thorough and clearly written description of the hazards be described under Safety of Handling. Also the antidote or first aid treatment if any be included. I certainly would be interested in this information if available.

I trust that this matter will be given your serious consideration so that other or new users are fully aware of the problem.

Thank you for your assistance in this incident and would appreciate hearing your views on the above.

Very truly yours,

HEXAGON LABORATORIES, INC.

Joseph P. Allen

JOSEPH P. ALLEN
Chief Engineer

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Mr. Allen
Hexagon Laboratories, Inc.
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Mr. Richard Davis
St. Louis

Yesterday, Mr. Allen of the subject company called and stated he had two employes nauseated from exposure to a leak in a heat transfer unit that used Aroclor 1248. One individual was under the care of a physician and the physician suspected liver damage although no jaundice could be seen (patient a negro) and was not hospitalized.

I told Mr. Allen to call me or have a doctor call me if they needed any further information.

It might be that you will want to alert the New York Office about this case.

R. Emmet Kelly, M. D.

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