

Interoffice Communication

To R. D. Gamblin
From J. A. DeBernardi
Date April 14, 1977
Subject Casual and Temporary Labor - VCM Plant

Attached you will find a breakdown of AFE labor worked by VCM Plant personnel. There were no casuals or temporaries employed during the month of March.

J. A. DeBernardi

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VCM Plant

Conoco Chemicals
Continental Oil Company
P.O. Box 605
Westlake, Louisiana 70669
(318) 882-0550

April 12, 1977

G. W. Lock
Regional Safety Manager
Olin Chemicals Group
P. O. Box 30
Beaumont, TX 77704

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of your letter of April 7, 1977 related to the spilling of spent acid loaded into your tankcars by customers. Please be informed that the VCM Plant does not load acid cars at this location for Olin or any other company. I believe your address information to be in error in this regard. There are two other CONOCO locations in the Westlake area which maybe responsible for the problems described in your letter. Following are the addresses of these locations and the appropriate Manager for your use:

CONOCO Refinery
P. O. Box 37
Westlake, La. 70669
G. A. O'Brien, Mgr.

Lake Charles Chemical Plant
P. O. Box 727
Westlake, La. 70669
R. D. Gamblin, Mgr.

I am attaching your letter of April 7, to this reply for your reference.

Sincerely,

J. A. DeBernardi

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CHEMICALS GROUP

CHEMICALS DIVISION, P.O. BOX 30, BEAUMONT, TEXAS 77704 835-6641

April 7, 1977

Continental Oil Company
VCM Plant
P.O. Box 605
Westlake, La. 70669
Attn: Mr. J. A. Debernardi

Dear Sir:

For the past year, we at Olin in Beaumont have attempted to correct situations of spilled spent acid that was loaded into our tank cars by customers.

Partial success has been obtained through correspondence and phone calls.

I am asking your help in reducing these incidents where injury and property damage are most likely.

The latest incident involving your company was on April 5, 1977, when tank car GATX 71063 had acid spilled from the dome in the Manchester yard in Houston.

Investigation has revealed that the dome lid was not fastened, gasket missing, vent valve assembly installed on unloading eduction pipe, rupture disc blown and eduction pipe cap installed on vent valve assembly.

In November and December of 1976, I called attention to inappropriate loading procedures in existence at your facility and sent check sheets for clarification and or usage to ascertain adequate loading procedures. I am taking the liberty of enclosing a copy in case you might find it beneficial.

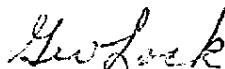
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Considerable expense and embarrassment was experienced on this latest incident due to considerable acid leakage and two trips by a repair and decontamination crew.

Fortunately there were no injuries!

Please review loading procedures at your location and help us lower these unnecessary and dangerous incidents.

Thank you,



G. W. Lock
Regional Safety Manager
Olin Chemicals

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Attachment

cc: F. Gerrard
P. Hines
H. Lunn
W. Thedler - Port Authority

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SULFURIC ACID TANK CAR

Inspection Report

CAR NO.

INSPECTOR

REMARKS:

OLIN?

☐ YES

☐ NO

CUSTOMER

BE YOUR BROTHER'S KEEPER.

PRE-LOADING INSPECTION

1. IS THERE ANY SIGN OF LEAKAGE FROM PREVIOUS TRIP.

- A. BOTTOM DRAIN FLANGE
- B. WELDED SEAMS
- C. DOME ASSEMBLY

☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO

2. ARE PLACARD HOLDERS IN GOOD CONDITION.

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. SAFETY EQUIPMENT.

- A. ARE THE TANK CAR TRUCK'S UNDERFRAMES, DRAFT SILLS, AND BODY BOLSTERS CRACKED, DETACHED, OR DISLOCATED.
- B. WALKWAYS
- C. LADDERS
- D. PLATFORMS
- E. HANDRAILS

☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO

4. PAINT

☐ GOOD ☐ POOR

5. DOME ASSEMBLY

- A. FILL COVER FACE
- B. FILL HOLE FACE
- C. WAS FILL COVER CASKET REPLACED
- D. IS SEALING BOLT AND NUT IN GOOD CONDITION AND LUBRICATED.
- E. DOES STRONGBACK PUT ENOUGH PRESSURE ON THE DOME LID.
- F. ARE SAFETY VENT, AIR CONNECTION, AND EDUCTION PIPE THREADS IN GOOD CONDITION AND LUBRICATED.
- G. ARE SAFETY VENT AND AIR CONNECTION CAPS CHAINED.
- H. RUPTURE DISC REPLACED.

☐ SMOOTH ☐ PITTED
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☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO

ALL ACID CARS 45# TEST (1/8" HOLE)
EXCEPT OLEUM 75# TEST (1/8" HOLE)

OLEUM CARS ONLY 45# TEST (SOLID)
75# TEST (SOLID)

☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO
☐ YES ☐ NO

IF ANY OF THE ABOVE ITEMS ARE QUESTIONABLE OR UNACCEPTABLE, CALL YOUR SUPERVISOR BY 11:00 A.M. SO THAT REPAIRS CAN BE MADE OR ANOTHER CAR SUBSTITUTED FOR LOADING.

POST-LOADING INSPECTION

1. 4 INCHES OR MORE OUTAGE IN TANK CAR SHELL.

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. IS FILL COVER FASTENED SECURELY.

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. ARE ALL DOME FITTINGS BACK IN PLACE AND FASTENED SECURELY?

☐ YES ☒ NO

4. ARE THERE ANY SIGNS OF LEAKAGE AT POINTS LISTED UNDER ITEM 1.

☐ YES ☐ NO

5. DATE TESTED.

☐ YES ☐ NO

6. ARE MARKINGS LEGIBLE.

☒ YES ☐ NO

7. HAVE PROPER PLACARDS BEEN INSERTED IN HOLDERS.

☐ YES ☐ NO

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THIS INSPECTION REPORT MUST BE PRESENTED TO YOUR SUPERVISOR ONE HOUR BEFORE THE END OF YOUR REGULAR WORK SHIFT.