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TO ALL LHC #2 EMPLOYEES

Pyrolysis fuel oil can cause cancer. Pyrolysis fuel oil is the heavy, black, tar-like substance that we see on the slab that has leaked out of certain valve packings in the plant.

An article appeared in "American Industrial Hygiene Association Journal" in December, 1977, concerning pyrolysis fuel oil causing cancer in rats. The rats were shaved and skin-painted and observed until death. Some of the rats developed skin tumors and skin cancer.

If you should get any pyrolysis fuel oil on your skin, wash it off as soon as possible. If you should get some on your clothes, do not wear those clothes until they have been washed clean of pyrolysis fuel oil.

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