

Monsanto

FROM: HARMON, A. ATTORNEY Harold Lacy, Texas City

DATE March 23, 1977

cc N. L. Marsh
E. W. Valentine
E. Vidrine
W. E. Bean
T. J. Kennedy

SUBJECT

REFERENCE

TO : J. A. Glass

Attached is a memo written by one of the Oxo-Ester chief operators expressing his concern regarding off-hour medical service. This was among subjects brought up when Phil Brubaker visited Oxo-Esters operators yesterday.

While there are many factors to be considered in evaluating this need, I consider it a worthwhile example of analyzing potential problem situations before they occur (i.e. "front-end management") which I think we are trying to promote among all our people.

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MEMO TO: Safety Director

March 22, 1977

In the concern of people on 4 to 12 and graveyard shifts and week-ends not having medical trained personnel or transportation available in plant emergencies.

In the past in Dept. 48 and 56 we have had some situations that we feel have not been handled in the proper manner. Also why can't there be someone on the guard force or some appointed person to drive the Monsanto ambulance?

Some of the examples that we have witnessed in the past are:

(a) One man passed out in the unit and was sent to the hospital in a cab.

(b) On a Sunday or day shift one operator was hit in the knee when a pressure gauge exploded and had to go to first aid on a bicycle.

(c) Another operator sprained his ankle and was asked to meet the Nite Superintendent at first aid by riding a bicycle, unable to do so he was reluctantly picked up by the Nite Superintendent and sent to the hospital in a cab. He then returned to the unit unable to walk with two rubber gloves filled with ice on his ankle.

Jim Martin

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This is just a few of the cases that I know of and I am sure there are others.

Now that we are taking safety precautions throughout the plant because of the HCN hazards of AN-5 we would like to have an emergency vehicle at our disposall around the clock, because we feel that in a chemical accident time is of the utmost importance. Also, HCN victims can not ride a bicycle to first aid. Any prompt action that can be taken in this matter will benefit all concerned.

Sincerely,

E. Vidrine

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III. RAIL CROSSING SAFETY TASK FORCE

This task force has had two meetings; they are on target for submitting a recommendation by March 15.

IV. RELIEF VALVE STUDY

Mike Ward is continuing his study of the relief valve problem and is expected to make his recommendation by the targeted March 15 date.

V. OVERHEAD WORK

The procedure bulletin for protection of personnel in the area where overhead work is in progress is being circulated for approval.

VI. ELECTRICAL TRACING

A notice has been sent out asking for questions or comments by areas using electrical tracing.

VII. CONTRACTOR SAFETY ORIENTATION

Jim Gatewood and Virgil Turner have compared notes and are using the same safety orientation outline for contractors within the plant. A TV presentation is being developed to aid in contractors' safety orientation prior to beginning work within the plant.

VIII. FUTURE SHAC AGENDA ITEMS

- A. New Unit Cleaning System
- B. Injury Reporting
- C. Sight Flow Indicators
- D. Flammable Solvent Storage
- E. Fire and Entry Permits
- F. Eye Bath Standards

Arnold, as we discussed in LPS reviews on AM-5, we do not feel we have reliable safety shower alarms. Further, we feel that this may be a plant wide problem. Shouldn't this be on the list, and with high priority status. The latest report I have is that over 50% of AM-5 shower alarms did not work during last test. Maintenance continues to pull and clean + new switches -- but they feel again quickly.

Arnold

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