

MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY

Inter-Office Correspondence

From LOCATION:

Texas City, Texas

cc:

H. M. Keating

DATE:

October 2, 1959

SUBJECT:

Process Spill, Department 3, August 31, 1959

Progress Report on Action Taken

TO:

W. E. Repschleger

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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1. Instructions for operators and chief operators on operation of catalyst manufacturing system:

Operating procedures have been reviewed and training and instruction of operators and chief operators is in progress.

2. Repairs to exhaust fan will be made normally no later than following day:

This is being carried out and overtime was authorized on one occasion.

3. Block valves in HCl line have been replaced.

4. Improvements investigated:

- a) Temperature point inside reactor:

MRO # 106705 written on September 8 for "installation of thermowell in 3V4 reactor":

This job not complete at this time.

- b) Steam turbine drive on spare catalyst circulating pump:

No action taken because of expense involved. Turbine drive is desirable and will be considered in the event of major revision or expansion.

- c) Cooling water for each reactor:

No action taken because new circulating line appears to be more practical solution.

5. A minor repair order has been written to install a circulating line from downstream side of 3E16 exchanger to 3V4 RM inlet. This line will allow

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* the system to be circulated through the exchanger and back to the reactor for temperature control and would be used only in an emergency when the normal inlet line has plugged.

No further reports on this spill are planned.

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