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AVON LAKE GENERAL CHEMICAL PLANT

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Avon Lake General Chemical Plant Employees:

Last September I wrote a letter describing our efforts to monitor and control the amount of vinyl chloride vapor in the atmosphere of our work areas. This monitoring was done because of our concern that our employee's work environment be as healthful as possible. Data collected so far, however, indicates that we are experiencing higher concentrations of vinyl chloride vapor than the 50 parts per million that we (and other Goodrich plants) have established as our objective for maximum concentrations. In order to meet our objective, there is a need for:

1. Improving ventilation,
2. Improving equipment, or providing new equipment where necessary,
3. Revising procedures,
4. Intensifying efforts to locate and correct leaks, and
5. When necessary, requiring the use of respirators or shutting down operations until concentrations are brought to a satisfactory level.

In addition, our experience with the monitoring equipment indicates that it is worthwhile to expand our monitoring activities to other areas of the plant. Bendix monitoring instruments have been ordered for Buildings 461, 463, and 464. The instrument in Building 451 will remain there. Until the new instruments are delivered and installed, we will monitor these areas daily using the Century Organic Vapor Analyzer (OVA). When time permits, detailed observations will be extended to other production areas.

The reason for these measures is our determination to make our plant as safe and healthful for all employees as we possibly can, in keeping with our slogan, "In '74, It's Safety More Than Ever Before". Your cooperation in these efforts is vital and will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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