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Subject: VI Response Document on Community Health and Safety
Impacts of VCM Emissions

At the December 4th meeting of the Executive Board of the Vinyl Institute, the Board gave its approval to my recommendation that a document be prepared for use by Vinyl Institute member companies providing information on Community Health and Safety Impacts of VCM Emissions (see my letter of November 27 to the Executive Board, copy enclosed).

At the December 19-20th meeting of the Manufacturing Practices Committee, this subject was discussed and based on advice from Frank Borelli, Georgia Gulf's Plant Manager at their Delaware City operation, who is intimately familiar with the entire Formosa/Delaware situation, it was agreed that such a document is not needed at urgent priority but that it should be a thorough and carefully prepared one.

I would see that, at a minimum, such a document would contain the following elements:

1. Historical background information including what is known generally about health effects of both VCM and PVC.
2. A review of governmental regulations that industry must comply with including the OSHA and EPA regulations and the expenditure made since the enactment of these standards in order to comply.
3. Literature reports on community health and safety effect along with an evaluation of these and any risk assessment information.
4. Summary and conclusions.

Any other thoughts that any of you have concerning the content of such a document will be appreciated.

It is my plan to convene a meeting of all persons receiving this memo in the near future. In advance of that meeting, and no later than January 31, I would appreciate receiving from you copies of any reports, literature or other non-proprietary information that you have and which you feel will be useful in preparing such a response document.

Thanks in advance for your assistance and cooperation.

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