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TO: Regional Administrators/OSHA

SUBJECT: Vinyl Chloride, 1910.1017

The Vinyl Chloride standard 29 CFR 1910.1017(g)(1) provides that until April 1, 1976 the use of respiratory protection as mandated by the standard shall be at the discretion of each employee for exposures not in excess of 25 ppm, measured over any 15 minute period. Please note that this period is about to expire and that as of April 1, an employer shall provide appropriate respiratory protection and shall assure that employees use such protection.

Questions may be directed to Ray McClure in the Washington, D.C. National Office, 202-523-8096.


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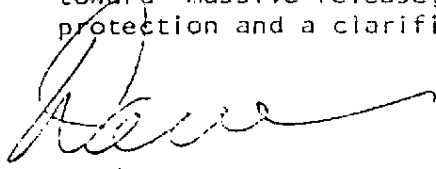
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Attached are letters from the Department of Labor to Firestone Plastics and Union Carbide giving clarification of certain sections of the OSHA VCM standard. These interpretations may be considered official and may give us some help as we try to comply. In particular, I call your attention to a changing attitude toward "massive release," some options for respiratory protection and a clarification of medical surveillance.



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