

TABLE I
VINYL CHLORIDE LABELING PRACTICES
VI MEMBER COMPANIES MANUFACTURING VCM

COMPANY	DOES TANK CAR CARRY DOT LABEL?	OSHA STD. 1910 12000 SEC. P1 LABEL	DOES TANK CAR CARRY "CANCER SUSPECT AGENT" LABEL?	IS MSDS SENT WITH TANK CAR?	COMMENTS
PPG INDUSTRIES	YES	?	YES	NO	MSDS sent by mail with initial shipment to customer in calendar year, on a yearly basis. Updates to comply with OSHA 90-day requirement.
DOW CHEMICAL	YES	YES	YES (On materials shipped from plants.)	YES	OSHA label and MSDS inside dome.
BORDEN CHEMICAL	YES	?	YES	YES	Tank cars as received carry OSHA "Cancer Suspect Agent" Label.
BFGOODRICH	YES	YES	YES (Welded inside tank car.)	NO	MSDS with shipping papers.
VISTA CHEMICAL	YES	YES	YES	NO	
GEORGIA GULF	YES	YES	YES	YES	Prior to or at time of first shipment.

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TABLE II
PVC LABELING AND MSDS PRACTICES (RESIN)
VI MEMBER COMPANIES MANUFACTURING PVC RESIN

COMPANY	LABEL ON RESIN CONTAINER			MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEETS			COMMENTS
	DOES LABEL CARRY OSHA "CANCER SUSPECT AGENT" LABEL?	DOES LABEL CARRY NOTATION RE: DUST?	DOES LABEL CARRY NOTATION RE: COMBUS. HAZARD?	DOES MSDS INCLUDE VC "CANCER SUSPECT AGENT" STATEMENT?	NOTATION RE: DUST AS A "NUISANCE"?	NOTATION RE: FIRE/COMBUSTION HAZARD?	
AIR PRODUCTS	YES (On bags bulk cars, & silos)	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	
CERTAINTED	YES	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	
GEORGIA GULF	YES	NO 1)	NO 1)	YES	YES	YES	*Label sent w/ bill of lading
OCCIDENTAL	YES if > 1ppm RVCM NO if < 1ppm RVCM	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	
BORDEN	All suspension resin SO LABELED. All paste resin <1ppm RVCM is not labeled.	NO	NO	YES	YES	YES	
BFGOODRICH	If > 8.5ppm RVCM Would be so labeled. Mostly, resins are < 8.5ppm and are not labeled.	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	
VISTA	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	

1) To be changed.

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TABLE III
PVC COMPOUND LABELING AND MSDS PRACTICES
VI MEMBER COMPANIES PRODUCING PVC COMPOUNDS

COMPANY	LABEL ON COMPOUND			MATERIAL SAFETY DATA SHEET			COMMENTS
	DOES LABEL CARRY OSHA "CANCER SUS- PECT AGENT" LABEL?	DOES LABEL CAR- RY NOTATION RE: DUST?	DOES LABEL CAR- RY NOTATION RE: COMBUS. HAZARD?	DOES MSDS IN- CLUDE VC "CANCER SUSPECT AGENT" STATEMENT?	NOTATION RE: DUST AS A "NUISANCE"?	NOTATION RE: FIRE/COMBUS- TION HAZARD?	
GEORGIA GULF	NO	NO	YES	YES	NO	YES	Label also carries informa- tion on sensitivity to stabilizers
OCCIDENTAL	NO	NO	NO	NO	NO	YES	MSDS forms list limited haz- ard warnings for ingredients (stabilizers, plasticz. etc.)
BFGOODRICH	YES If RVCM > 8.5ppm	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	Labels address fumes from processing.
VISTA	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	YES	

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Georgia-Gulf neighbors file \$19 million in suits

Some 19 suits by residents living near the Georgia-Gulf Corp. plant south of Plaquemine have been filed against the plant for \$19 million in damages from alleged injury due to chemical emissions.

The 19 suits each seek \$1 million in damages. They were filed by the following residents: Albertha Dickerson; Alice Wilson, Marcus and Libra Wilson and Thomas Wilson; Dianne Georgetown, Roy Stewart, Robert Georgetown and Randolph Bridgewater; Aliss Mitchell, Latoya and Mario Mitchell, Keith and Wayne Mitchell and Christine Pernell; Stacey Evans, Lovella Riley, Brenda Jenkins and Crissie Jenkins; Avis Wilson, Farland and Leonard Breau and Quintin Wilson.

Other plaintiffs are Laverne Wilson, Lakeitha Anderson, Emella Riley and Emile Riley; Barbara Adams, Katina, James and Carl Adams, Elnora Jordan and Walter Riley; Louvenia Mitchell, Theresa Mitchell and Sebastian Littles; Sarah Williams, Dedra, Hagga and Maryuliet Johnson, Azizi, Harvard and Jonathan Humphrey, Clarence Williams and Vincent Johnson; Ollie Mae Dickerson, Kendrick and Lakesha Dickerson and Samuel Priggs; Robert and Lois Ruffins, Melissa, Yolanda, Wanda and Robert Ruffins and Louis Ruffins;

Royal Mitchell Jr. and Sandra Mitchell and Darius Smith; Anna Howard; Daniel Ennis Jr.; James Barnes and Ethel Walker; Iona Riley; Terry Johnson and Earnestine Wilson.

Listed as defendants in all of the suits are Georgia Gulf, Georgia Pacific Corp. and Georgia Pacific

Chemicals Inc., the former owner of the plant; Vincent J. Tretter, environmental manager of the plant; Edwin A. Schiffer, general manager of the PVC section of the plant; and Edward A. Schmitt, production manager of the VCM section of the plant.

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SUITS

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The suits, each some 20 pages long, claim that the plant has emitted "substantial quantities" of acetone, phenol, methanol, ammonia, caustic, chlorine, ethylene dichloride, vinyl chloride monomer, polyvinyl chloride and sodium chloride since it began operations in the mid 1970s. The chemicals, especially because of chemical interactions, are "carcinogenic, mutagenic, teratogenic or cause other toxic or harmful effects" on the residents, including physical, economical and psychological injury, the suits allege.

The suits list 10 allegations. The first and longest count is that of negligence. The residents claim that they have been "unreasonably exposed to chemicals which cause personal injury, economic harm, illness and which increase the risk of contracting illnesses or interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life."

The suit further states that the emissions have depreciated their land values and their enjoyment of their property, have caused groundwater contamination, and have caused emotional distress and mental anguish due to the risk of cancer from exposure to the chemicals.

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The suit lists 35 specific instances in which Georgia Pacific violated federal and state air emissions standards by releasing vinyl chloride into the atmosphere in concentrations in excess of 10 parts per million. These alleged violations occurred between August of 1977 and April of 1983.

It is claimed in the suit that since May of 1983 the plant has continued to discharge vinyl chloride and other contaminants in amounts which violate its environmental permits, but the suit offers no specific instances after May of 1983.

Other charges listed in the suit are: negligence in the conduct of ultrahazardous activity, negligence per se, reckless and wanton misconduct, strict liability, nuisance, trespass, manufacturers' product liability, battery, and intentional infliction of mental and emotional distress and injury.

Attorneys representing the residents are Robert E. Kleinpeter of Baton Rouge and Allan Kanner of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.