

STURGEON INCIDENT

1/10/79 - CHLOROPHENOL CAR SPILL

11:30 p.m. Ms. Virginia Jaco, Emergency Service Dispatcher (N&W at Columbia, Mo.) called and advised a car of "carbolic acid" going to Reichhold in Tacoma, Washington was in trouble at Sturgeon, Mo. Did not have bill of lading. While on hold, Womack called Don Mayer. Advised phenol probably from Shell and would crystallize at 40°C. and should be no problem (ambient temp below 10°F.). Further advised to get B of L for more information.

12:30 a.m. Ms. Chandler, Emergency Service Dispatcher at Centralia, Mo. called Womack and advised it was chlorinated carbolic acid, (ortho chlorophenol fractions for Reichhold Penta production) and confirmed with Mayer that product shipped from Krummrich Plant on 1/8/79. Advised diking and sand coverage, personnel should have rubber shoes, suits, and breathing apparatus, corrosive and poisonous; and we would dispatch a team.

Womack then:

1. Discussed with Mayer and developed action plan.
2. Informed Howard Curtis to inform John Spano immediately - press fanfare expected.
3. Called Kirk and Starzyk.

1:00 Mr. Zureich, Western Environmental Services, Portland, Oregon advised he was commissioned by R.R. as clean-up, salvage director. Western dispatched a St. Louis unit.

3:30 Kirk and Starzyk on way to scene.