

LHC III

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE

1984

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THE ROLE OF INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE AT LHC #3

The most important function for industrial hygiene is the protection of the workers. The first step in that protection is recognition of potential problems. At LHC #3 several problems areas are defined. The hazards of benzene and toluene are well documented. There are questions concerning the safety of exposure to butadiene, fuel oil, and dicyclopentadiene. LHC #3 has areas of high noise and there is a potential for heat stress in the furnace areas.

LHC #3 is designed to operate under a guideline of one part per million benzene on a time weighted average. The plant design greatly aids in keeping the exposure limits, however engineering is not the only means of achieving low exposures. LHC #3 has a continuing educational program to train personnel in the hazards and methods of handling the chemicals found in the block.

A key part of the role of the industrial hygienist is to provide a data base of worker exposures. Baseline data is collected by monitoring normal day to day operations. Jobs that have a high probability of exposure are defined and monitored. At LHC #3, sampling, leak testing, and pump repair are jobs that need specific job monitoring. Monitoring during a spill cleanup is considered as the worst case monitoring.

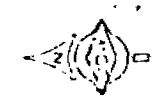
ACCOMPLISHMENTS LHC #3 1984

1. Tank farm, LHC #3 operations and maintenance personnel were trained on the consequences of overexposure to the block's hazardous chemicals. Hearing protection requirements and the monitoring program were also reviewed. Eighty five per cent of the employees received the training program.
2. Personnel were monitored for exposure to benzene and toluene during the clean-up of spills. Base line monitoring data was obtained by monitoring two operating shifts and a maintenance shift.
3. A noise level survey of LHC #3 was taken. The noise levels were checked during the venting of the superheaters. The low pressure superheater exceeded the recommended levels. Capital has been requested to install larger mufflers on the unit.
4. Development work on the methods of analysis for butadiene and dicyclopentadiene was continued.

LA-43 NOISE SURVEY

DATE	9-16-83	12-20-84
Inside Control Room	65	65
East of Control Room	53	77
N.E. of Control Room	63	65
Warehouse	60	60
West V-1400A	91	92
West T-1200	85	94
West T-1210	81	90
Between T-1200 and T-1210	74	75
D-531 Deck	78	80
West E-531	82	82
Bz Reactor Deck	79	80-85
Bz Reactors-ground level	85	86
North R-500F	--	85
North D-580	87	88
Fin Fan Deck	98-96	88-96
Cooper Deck	90	86-90
S.W. Cooling Tower	86	84
N.W. Cooling Tower	83	85
South Propylene Storage	82	81
Spare Parts Yard	76	78
S.E. Motor Control Center	86	84
East C-55	82	95
S.E. C-54	97	83
S.E. C-150	80	85
S.E. C-52	--	87
South R-1A	77	80
S.W. D-130	92	98
K-71 Ground Level	96-112	92-102
K-71 Deck	99-103	96-108
K-120 Ground Level	96-108	96-108
K-120 Deck	98-104	96-108
South E-9's	96	94
East C-3	102	101
Deck with superheater vents	91	92
HPSH venting	--	100-108
LPSH venting	--	114-120
Furance walkway	90-96	88-96
West B-3	104	102
S.E. B-3	84	88
S.E. B1-B	68	90

All noise levels are given in decibels.



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LHD #3 INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE
SUMMARY OF MONITORING DATA

1. 02-09-84 Working around slab water pit after dumping an emulsion from C-20.
2. 04-03-84 Block 58 cleanup after P-1601C blew a seal.
3. 05-15-84 Baseline monitoring data - "B" shift days
4. 05-17-84 Baseline monitoring data - "D" shift dogs
5. 05-22-84 Baseline monitoring data - Day Maintenance
6. 07-17-84 R-521 catalyst exchange
7. 10-08-84 Block 58 sump cleanup
8. 10-09-84 Block 58 sump cleanup

FOOTS PER MINUTE
TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE

NAME S.S.	M.S. CLASS	BT ET	WTA WSE	FEET	TTL	BT FEET	WVL	STY	UPINE E A	DATE
WORKING AROUND SLAB WATER PIT AFTER DUMPING EMULSION FROM C-20.										
GILL, T.T.	433890	3	7	<.01	<.01	<.01	-	<.01	1.0 2.0	2/9/84
433049730	SOT									
WISSEPH,K.	433828	3	7	<.01	<.01	<.01	-	<.01	2.0 4.0	2 8 84
433121135	SOT									
BLOCK 58 CLEANUP AFTER P-1601C BLEW A SEAL.										
DOCK, R.J.	206866	0	3.5	.41	.62	.08	.20	.56	15 26	4/3/84
429945691	OT									
HEESE, P.W.	280799	0	3.5	.72	.62	.05	.18	.54	1.0 6.0	4/3/84
4650682633	OT									
HILLS, J.E.	434294	0	1.3	.42	.48	.08	.12	<.01	6.0 7.0	4/3/84
434235210	OT									
JOHNSON, L.G.	433826	0	6.5	.68	.55	.15	<.01	.16	6.0 6.0	4/3/84
437782520	OT									
MARIN, B.J.	278012	0	3.5	.79	.99	.06	.13	.81	20 51	4/3/84
443461855	OT									
WHITCOTTER,K.	433821	0	4.0	.31	.32	<.01	.13	.34	65.0 6.0	4/3/84
437021133	OT									
WATTS, C.M.	434284	0	3.3	.25	.17	<.01	.10	.19	- -	4/3/84
436288318	OT									

TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE (PPM)

NAME S.S.	MASTER CLASS	PT EQ	TIME (HRS)	BEN	UIL	ED BEN	HYL	STY
"D" SHIFT MONITORING; NIGHTS; MAY 17, 1984								
L. NERO	432177	0	11.0	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.01
43224484	S.S.							
D. WALLACE	070742	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
377527188	ROV OS							
S.J. COLLETTI	433750	0	12.0	0.04	0.08	<0.01	0.02	0.01
435264490	BOARD							
G. POWELL	432313	0	11.5	0.04	0.10	<0.01	0.01	<0.01
423903361	BOARD							
C.M. CARLIN	432255	0	11.5	0.04	0.09	<0.01	0.04	<0.01
434830500	BOARD							
M. PERCLE	433905	0	12.0	0.06	0.05	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
436042918	ETH SOT							
F.G. GAY	433038	0	12.0	0.06	0.05	0.01	<0.01	0.02
424960365	MECH SOT							
A. HERBERT	433049	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.03	<0.01	<0.01
436743680	BZ SOT							
T.B. PITRE	433851	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.04	0.01
43583940	SOT							
T. HUNT	434036	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	<0.01	0.01	0.01
433035597	EUR SOT							
L. JOHNSON	433926	0	12.0	0.10	0.24	0.01	0.02	<0.01
437760620	ULT OT							
J.E. HILLS	434294	0	12.0	0.09	0.17	<0.01	0.01	0.01
434999910	BZ OT							
R.J. COOK	206866	0	12.0	0.07	0.29	0.01	<0.01	0.02
409945691	EUR OT							
B. MARTIN	278012	0	12.0	0.04	0.09	<0.01	0.01	<0.01
445461655	OT							
S. PRAY	433952	0	11.5	0.04	0.09	0.02	<0.01	0.03
26213340	ENG							

MAINTENANCE MONITORING; DAYS; APRIL 22, 1984

J. SIPLEY	432527	0	7.0	0.03	0.04	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
434022070	OS BEN AREA							
A. LEE	433197	0	7.0	0.03	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
437889253	OS BEN AREA							
E. MCCOY	432636	0	7.0	0.03	0.03	<0.01	0.01	<0.01
264212151	OS LOAD DRUMS							
H. FREDRICK	220998	0	7.0	0.04	0.04	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
435686790	OS							
J. STEWARD	434371	0	7.0	0.14	0.21	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
433046296	CHEMIST							

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MONITORING OF THE CATALYST EXCHANGE IN A-621

VESSEL SETUP CREW

Name	Time	Benzene	Toluene	PPM (TWA)		Styrene
				Ethyl Ben	Xylene	
Ray Pourian	180 min	0.46	0.14	<0.01	0.11	0.06
E. J. Landry	180 min	0.48	0.17	<0.01	<0.01	0.11
Jim Marino	180 min	0.04	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
D. R. Kelly	180 min	0.18	0.30	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
Joe Landry	180 min	0.40	0.13	<0.01	<0.01	0.03
Randry Pitre	180 min	0.54	0.24	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

EFDM LOADING CREW

Randry Pitre	480 min	0.17	0.08	<0.01	0.01	0.18
E. J. Landry	480 min	0.13	0.06	<0.01	<0.01	0.02
Joe Landry	480 min	0.12	0.02	<0.01	0.01	0.06
D. R. Kelly	480 min	0.17	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	0.02
Ray Pourian	480 min	0.10	0.02	<0.01	<0.01	0.02
Pat Decote	480 min	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.01	0.08

DOW PERSONNEL

D. Wallace	420 min	0.44	0.07	<0.01	<0.01	0.02
R. D. Sproles	630 min	0.07	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
R. W. Lacombe	645 min	0.95	0.11	<0.01	<0.01	0.01
J. R. Bordenlon	180 min	1.72	0.15	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01

Worksheet: 101 IN-BLOCK 88 SUMPS

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IN MONITORING

CLEAN-UP OF BLOCK 88 SUMPS

Monitored 10/8/84

Block contract personnel

Name	Time	Benzene	Toluene	PPM (TWA) Ethyl SZ	Xylene	Styrene
Bull Buhler	510 min	0.23	0.03	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
John Morris	510 min	0.08	1.90	0.29	0.53	0.23
Oliver Talyor	510 min	0.05	0.16	0.05	0.01	0.05
James Lewis	510 min	0.10	2.85	0.40	0.70	0.30
Pat Decote	510 min	0.11	0.36	0.06	0.03	0.05
A. Shultz	510 min	0.08	0.07	<0.01	0.01	0.02

Dow Personnel (fire watch)

Mike Miller	510 min	0.14	0.06	0.02	<0.01	<0.01
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Monitored 10/9/84

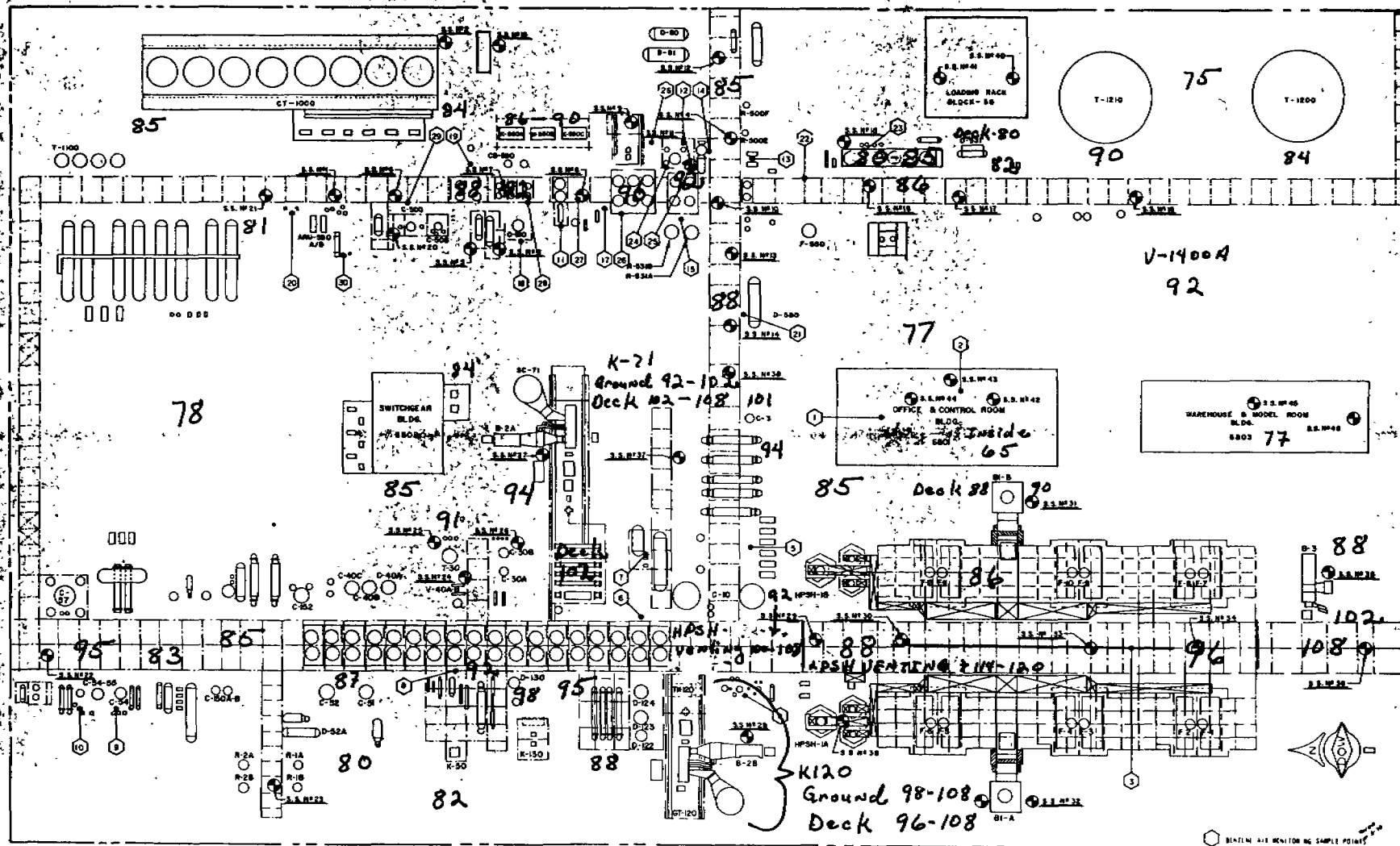
Block contract personnel

Pat Decote	420 min	0.05	0.10	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01
A. Shultz	420 min	0.06	0.14	<0.01	0.01	<0.01
James Lewis	420 min	0.73	7.85	0.43	0.26	0.08
Bull Buhler	420 min	0.06	0.59	0.03	<0.01	0.03
Oliver Talyor	420 min	0.77	9.13	0.40	0.31	0.09

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INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE PLANS FOR LHC #3

1. Continue to inform plant personnel on the consequence of exposure to chemicals in the block. Emphasis will be placed on benzene and butadiene.
2. Continue to monitor personnel for potential exposure to benzene and toluene when cleaning up spills. Obtain job specific monitoring data for sampling and pump repair.
3. Reduce employee exposure during sampling handling through the installation of new benzene sampling systems and through the purchase of a specific gravity meter.
4. Set up a monitoring program for butadiene and dicyclopentadiene.
5. Check the level of radioactivity at the propane and propylene pumps to test if Radon-222 is an exposure problem in the block.
6. Run personal noise dosimeter tests and yearly noise survey.



NOISE SURVEY
December 20, 1984
LHC III

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NO	1	FO	NO	10	APRIL 12 1988	HOUSE	NO	1
NO	12	FO	NO	20	APRIL 12 1988	HOUSE	NO	16
NO	21	FO	NO	30	APRIL 12 1988	HOUSE	NO	18

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INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE MONITORING

As requested normal shift activities were monitored for aromatic compounds. A complete day shift, night shift, and part of a maintenance shift were monitored for Benzene, Toluene, Ethyl Benzene, Xylene, Styrene, and α -Methyl Styrene using 3M diffusion badges. The data indicated extremely low levels of exposure for all personnel during normal shift activities.

To date, LHC III had two spills in 1984 that required cleanup activity. In February personnel were monitored during a cleanup of the slab water pit after an emulsion from C-20 was dumped. Very low exposures were seen. A cleanup of Block 58 was required after a fuel oil pump seal blew in March. Exposure levels were below 1 ppm on a time weighted average for all personnel. All monitoring data collected thus far this year is enclosed for your records.

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Enclosures

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PAPTS PER MILLION
TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE

NAME/S. S.	M. S CLASS	ST ED	TWA (HR)	BEZ	TOL	ET EEZ	XYL	STY	MET ETY	URINE B A	DATE
WORKING AROUND SLAB WATER PIT AFTER DUMPING EMULSION FROM C-20.											
GILL, J. T. 433049730	4330892 SOT	3	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	-	1.0 2.0	2/9/84
JOSEPH, K. 433032135	4330825 SOT	3	7	0.01	0.01	0.01	-	0.01	-	2.0 4.0	2/9/84

ON CK 55 CLEANUP AFTER 3-13010 BLEW A BEAL

11.1.1.1.1. 433038871	202876 OT	1	3.5	41	33	32	20	34	08	15 25	4/3/84
11.1.1.1.1. 433038813	290795 OT	0	3.5	72	62	05	19	34	09	1 0 0 0	4/3/84
11.1.1.1.1. 433038810	434294 OT	1	1.5	42	43	05	12	01	12	5 0 7.0	4/3/84
11.1.1.1.1. 433038810	433816 OT	1	2.5	63	53	15	0.01	12	04	5 0 0 0	4/3/84
11.1.1.1.1. 433038820	272612 OT	1	1.5	79	79	1.06	1.13	31	11	20 51	4/3/84
11.1.1.1.1. 433038855	433821 OT	1	4.0	31	33	0.01	02	34	1.01	5 0 0 0	4/3/84
11.1.1.1.1. 433038818	434264 OT	0	3.0	25	27	1.01	10	19	0.01	- -	4/3/84

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T, 0002-5070

E, 0002-5078

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ST, 0002-5074

M, 0002-5077

PARTS PER MILLION
TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE[illegible]

TIME WEIGHTED AVERAGE (PPM)

NAME/ID	MASTER CLASS	PT EQ	TWA (HR)	BEN	TOL	ET BEN	XYL	STY	MET STY
NIGHTS, MAY 17 1984									
L. NERO	43227	0	12.0	0.04	0.09	0.03	0.02	0.01	0.03
435224484	5 B								
D. WALLACE	070742	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
077027198	BOV 15								
S. J. COLLETTI	433750	0	12.0	0.04	0.08	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
431834490	BOARD								
G. POWELL	433311	0	11.5	0.04	0.10	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02
423703361	BOARD								
C. M. CARLIN	433257	0	11.5	0.04	0.09	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.01
434350500	BOARD								
M. FEROLE	433703	0	12.0	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03
432042818	ETH BOT								
R. G. GAY	433022	0	12.0	0.04	0.05	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
434932985	MECH BOT								
A. HERBERT	433242	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.05
431743220	32 BOT								
M. E. PITRE	433251	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.04	0.01	0.04
43367940	BOT								
T. GUNT	434261	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
431335987	TOP BOT								
L. JOHNSON	431837	0	12.0	0.04	0.24	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01
437732220	TOP BOT								
S. HILLS	434274	0	12.0	0.04	0.17	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
434432810	32 BOT								
A. L. BOOK	433257	0	12.0	0.04	0.25	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01
437132571	TOP BOT								
E. MARTIN	433011	0	12.0	0.04	0.07	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
433012225	OV								
S. GRAY	431751	0	11.5	0.04	0.09	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.01
26113340	ENG								

MAINTENANCE MONITORING, DAYS, APRIL 22, 1984

J. SIBLEY	432527	0	7.0	0.03	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
434022070	05 BEN AREA								
A. LEE	433197	0	7.0	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
437889253	05 BEN AREA								
R. MCCOY	432525	0	7.0	0.03	0.03	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
264012151	05 LOAD DRUMS								
H. FREDRICK	220995	0	7.0	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
435656790	05								
J. STEWARD	434371	0	7.0	0.14	0.21	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
433746296	CHEMIST								



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AROMATIC MONITORING DURING CATALYST EXCHANGE

On July 17, 1984, VIP exchanged catalyst in R-521 at the benzene plant. The procedure involved vessel entry under an inert atmosphere with supplied breathing air. While VIP personnel were not monitored due to the use of supplied air, contractor and Dow personnel working in the area were monitored for benzene exposure. The crew that prepared the vessel for entry showed benzene exposure levels in the range of 0.5 ppm over a time weighted average. The personnel that loaded the spent catalyst into drums showed even lower levels of exposure. The personnel on top of the reactor around the open manway showed exposure levels in the range of 1-2 ppm benzene. All personnel were well under the current TLV limit of 10 ppm. A summary of the exposure data is included for your inspection.

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Light Hydrocarbon III

Attachment

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Worksheet: (1) IH Monitoring of VIP

Region: 1;1..7;31

IH MONITORING

VESSEL SETUP CREW

Name	Time	Benzene	Toluene	PPM (TWA)			Styrene
				Ethyl	Ben	Xylene	
Ray Pourian	180 min	0.46	0.14	<0.01		0.11	0.06
E. J. Landry	180 min	0.48	0.17	<0.01	<0.01		0.11
Jim Marino	180 min	0.04	<0.01	<0.01	<0.01		<0.01
D. R. Kelly	180 min	0.18	0.30	<0.01	<0.01		<0.01
Joe Landry	180 min	0.40	0.13	<0.01	<0.01		0.03
Randry Pitre	180 min	0.54	0.24	<0.01	<0.01		<0.01

DRUM LOADING CREW

Randry Pitre	480 min	0.17	0.08	<0.01		0.01	0.18
E. J. Landry	480 min	0.13	0.06	<0.01	<0.01		0.02
Joe Landry	480 min	0.11	0.02	<0.01		0.01	0.06
D. R. Kelly	480 min	0.17	0.03	<0.01	<0.01		0.02
Ray Pourian	480 min	0.10	0.02	<0.01	<0.01		0.02
Pat Decore	480 min	<0.01	0.02	<0.01	<0.01		0.08

BOW PERSONNEL

L. Wallace	420 min	0.44	0.07	<0.01	<0.01		0.02
R. D. Sproles	630 min	0.07	0.03	<0.01	<0.01		<0.01
R. W. Lacombe	645 min	0.95	0.11	<0.01	<0.01		0.01
J. R. Bordenlon	180 min	1.72	0.15	<0.01	<0.01		<0.01

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NOISE ABATEMENT PROGRAM

At time of designing and constructing LHC III, the latest technology in noise reduction was used where feasible. It was recognized that the area around the furnaces, boilers, and compressors would be high noise areas and that those areas would need to have signs posted warning personnel that ear protection was required.

The noise abatement program at LHC III shall consist of the following:

1. An annual noise survey will be made in all areas.
2. Personnel monitoring will be conducted on persons working in high noise areas.
3. Each person will have an audiogram run each year during their annual physical exam.
4. Engineering controls will be implemented to reduce personnel exposure to noise above 85 dBA where feasible.
5. Each employee will be informed annually of the consequences of overexposure to noise and the precautions required to protect their hearing.

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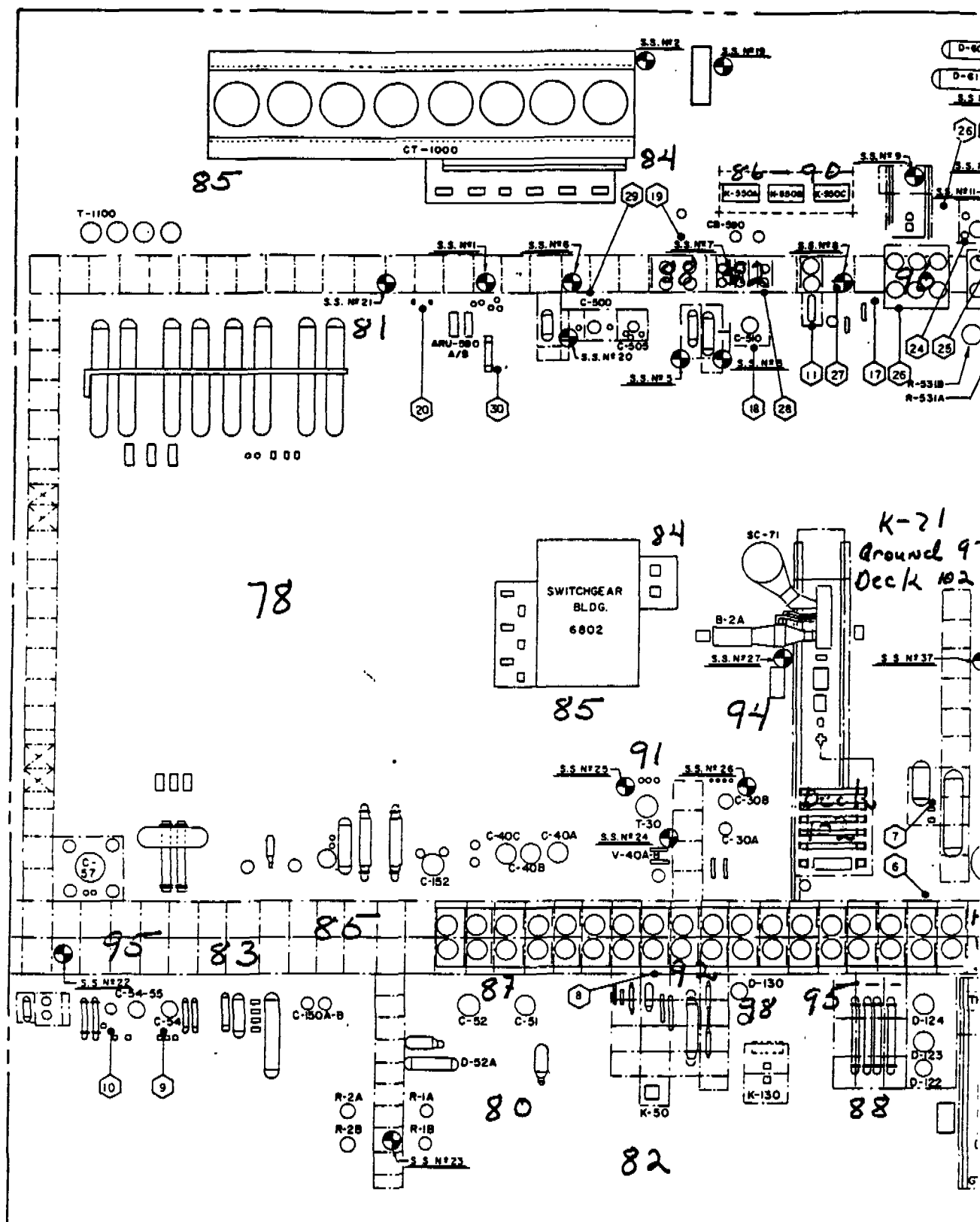
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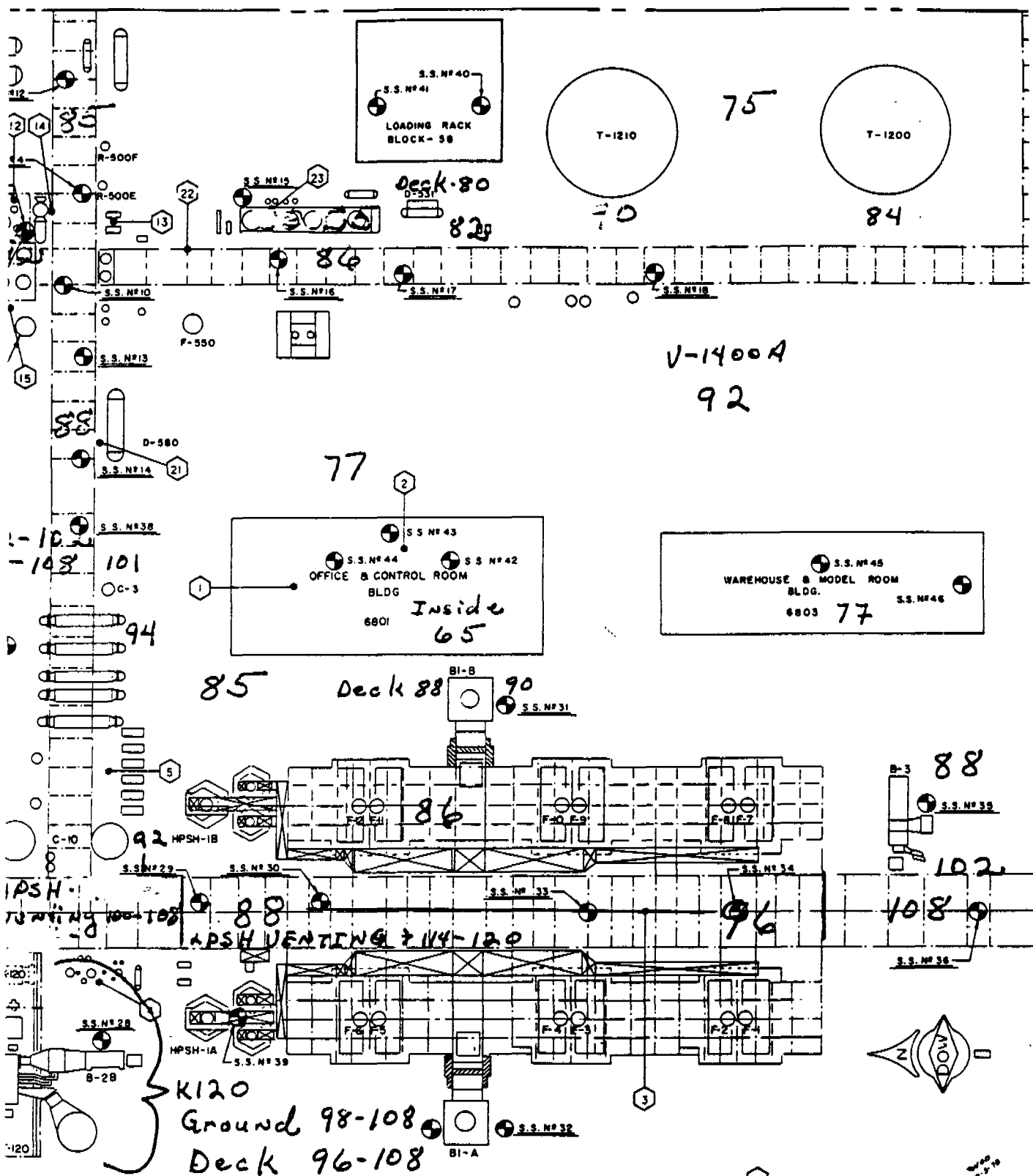
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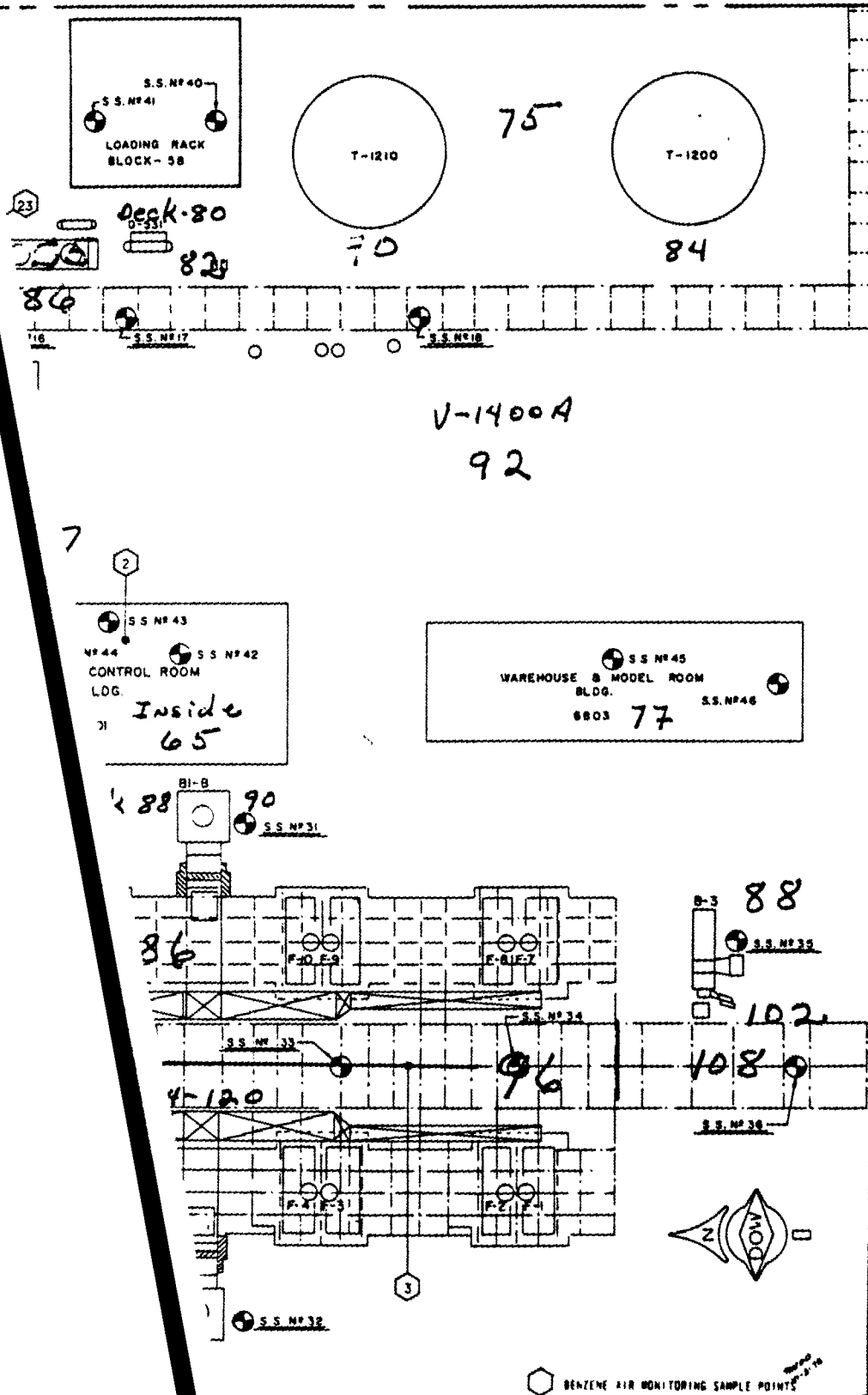
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NO 21 TO NO 30 ANALYZER HOUSE NO 18

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