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FPD BLOOD SAMPLING PROGRAM - C-8

In our communication of March 1, 1982 we stated that neither DuPont nor 3M has detected any adverse health effects attributed to C-8 at the levels measured in the blood of employees. As a result, we plan to reduce our C-8 blood sampling program to include only those personnel who directly handle C-8 and have the greatest potential for exposure. Continued blood sampling of these people is the best way to assure that the exposure control program is effective.

For another year, we will continue sampling the females who left the division in 1981 and any personnel with high values who leave the divisions. These samples will help us determine the rate of elimination of C-8 from the blood. The individuals involved will be contacted separately.

We plan to sample new permanent Fluoropolymers Production personnel as they enter the division. Annual samples will be taken in conjunction with their normal physicals. Production jobs included will be TFE Service Operator, FEP Service Operator, TFE Processing Operator and FEP Processing Operator.

In order to accomplish better follow-up and to monitor progress of C-8 control programs, the blood sampling data will be made available to supervision on a need-to-know basis. Individuals being sampled will be informed of their own results as we have done in the past.

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