



Interoffice Communication

To : File

From : V. E. Messick

Date : March 8, 1982

Subject: SUPERFUND REPORTING

At 7:51 p.m. on March 7, 1982, I reported to the Hazardous Response center (800-424-8802) two separate vinyl chloride releases to the atmosphere. Petty Officer Maloney accepted the report. I told him that at approximately 1:00 p.m. on March 6, 1982, high readings were observed on the VCM continuous monitoring system. Upon investigation, a leaky gasket was found to be the problem. The reactor (D-300) was depressured, taken out of service, and the gasket was replaced. He asked if any other agencies had been notified. I told him that none had been. I told him that the second release occurred at approximately 8:00 a.m. on March 7, 1982. An operator was flushing a vessel with water and the vessel (new module knockout pot) became overpressured and vinyl chloride backed up into a tank (the hot water charge tank), and was released from the tank into the air. He asked what was done to stop the release. I told him that the flushing was stopped.

Weather conditions were as follows:

March 6, 1982

Time:	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Temperature:	36°	36°
Wind From:	Northeast	Northeast
Wind Speed:	0 MPH	0 MPH
Barometric Pressure:	29.82	29.76
Conditions:	Rain	Rain

March 7, 1982

Time:	8:00 a.m.
Temperature:	33°
Wind From:	East
Wind Speed:	14 MPH
Barometric Pressure:	29.99
Conditions:	Clear

There were no over-exposures in either release.

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