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To: BFGCC Plant Managers  
From: BFGCC Public Relations  
Re: Vinyl chloride emission statement

The attached statement has been prepared for your use in the event you receive any news media queries concerning the emission of vinyl chloride vapors from your plant.

If you prefer, ~~any~~ such questions can be referred to R. B. Downey or C. R. Carter, Public Relations in Cleveland, for handling. In any case, please notify us of every press or broadcast query you receive.

R. B. Downey

Attachment

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STATEMENT FOR USE BY CHEMICAL COMPANY PLANT MANAGERS IN RESPONSE TO  
MEDIA QUERIES ABOUT VINYL CHLORIDE EMISSIONS

All currently known scientific information in the hands of B.F. Goodrich and cooperating government agencies points to the fact that there is no danger to citizens of any of the communities where facilities manufacturing polyvinyl chloride or vinyl chloride monomer are located.

These plants do emit small amounts of vinyl chloride in a gaseous state. Vinyl chloride is a volatile substance which dissipates rapidly. It is our feeling that it is dispersed into the atmosphere in trace amounts only detectable by highly sophisticated instruments.

It is our opinion that there is neither an immediate nor a long-range danger from exposure to traces of vinyl chloride found in the atmosphere.

B.F. Goodrich, the chemical industry and both Federal and state government agencies will continue to study the problem and will inform the public if a problem should develop.

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