PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMPANY

Location: Texas City, Texas

Date : October 9, 1959

Subject : HOURLY SAFETY COMMITTEE - MINUTES OCTOBER 6, 1959

TO : PLANT MANAGER SAFETY BOARD

The Hourly Safety Committee met in its regular safety meeting on October 6; five members were present.

In this meeting seven items of safety were discussed. Five will be handled internally and two were recommended for Board consideration.

1. Located at the northeast corner of Department 41 compressor house, are two liquid oxygen cylinders connected to a header for process service. These cylinders are in a location where oil is sprayed upon them. Linde has had to clean the valves on a number of these cylinders (at Monsanto's expense) before the cylinders could be refilled safely. Our own personnel change these cylinders at the manifold and are subjected to the hazard of oxygen contact with oil. We would recommend that these cylinders be stored and located for service in an area which would be free from this oil contamination. Although this is a local problem, we see in this a possibility of similar oxygen service in other areas of the plant where operators or maintenance employees might not be fully aware of the hazards. We would suggest that oxygen setup be reviewed with consideration given to color coding of these installations, especially in areas not normally aware of oxygen hazards.

2. An incident occurred in Power 3 which we feel has plant wide potential. A Milton Roy chemical pump was locked out at the field switch (there is no main breaker for this individual pump) and when work was completed, the craftsman tried the switch before removing the lock and the pump ran. This particular switch is like many others in the plant in that it is a rocker arm type of switch handle common in field installation.

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The Committee does not know how many other pumps are locked out in this method, and, of these, how many would operate in the locked out position. We feel this should be brought to the attention of the operating departments.

We appreciate the consideration given our suggestion on committee publicity, and in the future, the committee will put forth more effort to reach the employees.

Joe Bonnette/lt

Joe D. Bonnette, Chairman
HOURLY SAFETY COMMITTEE,
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