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TO: MOC

COPY: Mr. P. D. Franson

FROM: G. B. Elder

SUBJECT: Safety Alert

Attached is a Safety Alert from Larry Calvert on possible personnel exposure to "inadequate atmospheres in enclosures that have been built for work on asbestos containing materials". Larry sent this alert to assistant plant managers at all of the major locations, so your plant management should be aware of the problem.

I will send details as soon as Larry provides the results of the incident investigations. Meanwhile, if you have reason to deal with such enclosures and need additional information, please contact Larry directly.

George
G. B. Elder

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W A N G TO W A N G

DATE: May 27, 1987

TO: Attached List

CC: Attached List

SUBJECT: Safety Alert

Two locations have had incidents with the potential of personnel exposure to inadequate atmospheres in enclosures built for work on asbestos containing materials. Be sure your people are aware of the potential of these hazards and testing is done to insure oxygen, explosion limits, and that TLV requirements are met. The enclosures are confined spaces and need to meet your location requirements.

Both locations are conducting investigations of the incidents and we will send those as soon as they are available.

Thanks.

Very truly yours,

UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION

Larry

Larry E. Calvert

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C&P Division Asbestos Phase Out

Dear Charly:

The enclosed documents reflect a major "break threw" with respect to the subject. As recently as last summer, some EM & TS Central Engineering people were condoning use of asbestos packings and gaskets "as long as they are available". Through high level Danbury and direct involvement with Clyde Neely of South Charleston, C&P now have an effort to discontinue purchase of asbestos packings and gaskets worldwide by the end of 1988. GRAFOIL® and some Teflon® will be the preferred replacement materials. As you can see by the scope of their effort, much is and needs to be done to implement these changes at all C&P plants. Currently, Jim Polomsky is directly assisting these plants with the education needed to make the changes. This program already is impacting on GRAFOIL® sales in the Gulf Plants.

Continued follow-up is needed to speed up conversion to achieve maximum GRAFOIL® sales. This type of program needs to be extended to Linde and Carbon Products Divisions. I know of no such formal position by either of these Divisions. Delineation of such a position is important to affirm Mr. Kennedy's stated Health and Safety goals for the Corporation. It also would be consistent with our involvement with the Alternate Materials Institute (AMI).

Very truly yours,

Pete

P.S. Petrunich

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Enclosures

bcc: H.C. Ball

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