

MONSANTO CHEMICAL COMP.

Location: Texas City, Texas

Date : May 9, 1960

Subject : April Accidents

To : Plant Manager's Safety Board

Continued instructions from supervision with emphasis to think before doing a job, and the recognition and correction of unsafe acts and conditions will reduce the number of accidents occurring at this location.

What type of accidents occurred in April? The following statements were taken from the April Minor Injury and Accident Reports.

1. "I was dumping sulphur and the dust got under my goggles and got into my eyes." Dept. 5-7
2. "I was washing xylol out of cell 5. My foot slipped and I fell on my shoulder and left wrist." Dept. 41
3. "I was opening a valve, when it broke loose quickly my hand hit another valve." Dept. 1
4. "I was removing a valve in pipeline--an operator was attempting to close a valve in the same line by hammering one wrench with another, he missed the wrench and hit me on the knee." Dept. 19-20
5. "I was checking water tank for level--the ladder I was on slipped, I fell into the sight glass." Dept. 41
6. "I was working on a reactor in Dept. 16 vessel was hot, rust popped off and hit me in the eye." Dept. 1600
7. "I was taking a valve off a valve stand, it had some pressure on it, a valve popped up and hit me on the head." Shops.
8. "I was grinding, the metal slipped and my hand touched the grinder." Shops.
9. "I was opening a window, as I pushed against the window my hand went through the glass." Cafeteria
10. "They (2 men) were prying coupling with railroad jack bars, I was hitting coupling with sledge hammer--when coupling broke loose, one of the jack bars hit my leg." Dept. 18

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