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SUBJECT SAC Minutes
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cc: PMSB

1. Pipeline Emergency Responsibilities

Current situation and recognized deficiencies were reviewed by Bill Blum for SAC. A summary of this review and the SAC recommendation will be submitted by separate memo. (attached)

2. Union Carbide Pipeline Identification System

A Union committee member recommended we consider the Carbide system to alert personnel of the safety equipment required to do work on a specific vessel or line by means of stickers or placards throughout the plant. LP&S has investigated. The system is used by Carbide primarily for information of emergency crews. It identifies minimal requirements, and may generate more confusion than help make the plant safer. We recommend that safety equipment continue to be specified as it is now based on assessment of the job by the supervision involved.

3. SAC has reviewed Procedure Bulletin P-0119 "Open Area Permits" as requested by incident investigation 81-51.

We believe the procedure is adequate as it stands.

We propose the PMSB minutes should include a reminder to all supervision in the plant that it is the responsibility of the permit originator or requestor to control hot work to insure permit requirements (boundaries, observance of work stoppage on fire and spill alarms, nature of work allowed) are observed, and to conduct inspections, train and post signs as necessary to insure compliance with the permit.

4. MCI Housekeeping Inspection Recommendations.
- Clarify "First Flange Rule."

There are procedures in several areas of the plant that go under the name of the "First Flange Rule." Different areas have good reasons

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to have different approaches to the subject. The only plantwide interpretation we can recommend is that the first flange rule should be: "the approach that is safe for the job in question."

Specifically, we recommend:

- a. Through the line, review specific approach to breaking into lines and equipment in each operating area and insure that the approach is safe for each application.
- b. Those areas that recognize a "first flange rule" procedure should continue to do so.
- c. LP&S will review the CMA approach toward safe handling of jobs through uniform performance standards to determine if application of this system will enhance safety of the breaking into process equipment procedures. SAC will monitor the progress of this review. (see attachment)



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