

O. KNIGHT



Interoffice Communication

To SEE DISTRIBUTION
From R. W. Seymour
Date March 31, 1976
Subject VCM RESPIRATOR PROGRAM

Attached is the Procedure for Respiratory Protection to be used beginning at 0001 hours on April 1, 1976. More information on respiratory protection, cleaning, repair of masks, etc. will be issued in other documents. This letter is to be a general review of the program.

All continuous flow fresh air masks (half face, full face and parts) were to have been turned in to the Safety Department (except for those needed at all times for operations and laboratory) on 3/29 and 3/30/76. The Building Attendant Group is to service and clean masks and put clean masks in plastic bags for reissue. This will be done on a Monday through Friday schedule and the clean masks will then be returned to three issue points.

1. Vinyl Supervisor's office.
2. Compound Supervisor's office.
3. Maintenance Tool Room.

When a mask has been removed from the plastic bag and used, it is to be considered a dirty mask at the end of the work period for the person using the mask. Collection points for dirty masks will be:

1. Outside Vinyl Dryer Control Room
2. Vinyl Maintenance Shop
3. Outside Compound Supervisor's Office
4. Maintenance Tool Room

Areas where people will be using masks for the greatest percentage of time will be Vinyl Reactors, Vinyl Maintenance and the Yard group. For this reason (with limited availability of half face masks) it is requested that persons in other areas who require less time in masks use full face masks and check these out from the Maintenance Tool Room for their use (except compound). Masks must not be kept for private use but must remain in service to make sure we have adequate masks available and that masks are kept clean properly.

Distribution
March 31, 1976
VCM Respirator Program
Page 2

Regulated areas in the plant will now be only the Large Reactor Area and the VCM Tank Farm and these are the only areas where employees must sign in on regulated area log sheets. Sign-in for the Large Reactor Area is at the outside south door to the control room. Please do not congregate in the Large Reactor Control Room - entry should be made only as required so that traffic and discussions can be kept to a minimum and Panel Operators can hear radio communications and properly operate the panel. The VCM Tank Farm sign-in log will be in the yard building next to the sidewalk running east and west and extending from the roadway to the Tank Farm.

Required respiratory protection and practices for high levels of VCM are in the attached procedure.

R. W. Seymour
R. W. Seymour

jf

Attachment

DISTRIBUTION: LHB (9), DFJ (9), RGG (6), JEB, RGH, LDH (6), JVH (9),
DEM (2), JVV (4), KWC (7), RAD, GGD, DML, DEN, GDB, RFH