RANGE-FINDING TOXICITY STUDIES

The Research Laboratory staff performs toxicological research on a wide varety of chemical compounds from industry. These toxicity studies include acute oral administration, skin penetration, primary skin irritation, eye injury and concentrated vapor inhalation and are conducted upon request, at cost, for member companies only. Such additional studies as metabolism, behavioral changes and feeding studies may be performed, if required.



Charting information for current toxicological studies is Research Associate, Marianne Kaschak.

MENTAL HEALTH PROJECT

IHF is conducting a continuing education study on employee mental health and industrial nursing practices with the American Institutes for Research, supported by a five-year grant from the National Institute of Mental Health. The first two years of this study were concerned primarily with the collection and analysis of data on the practices and self evaluation of occupational health nurses who are encountering and dealing with emotional and psychological problems of employees by one means or another. The third year has been devoted primarily to 1) analysis and interpretation of occupational health nursing questionnaires; 2) "case study" data supplied through the cooperation of Foundation members; and 3) the selection and sequencing of content for a self-instructional training course. Activities during the fourth year, 1969-1970, are being devoted almost exclusively to the preparation and evaluation of course materials and this phase will continue into the fifth year.

SMALL PLANT HEALTH SERVICES

In a continuing effort to develop an effective employee health program for small plants, IHF President, Dr. Robert T. P. deTreville, chaired the American Academy of Occupational Medicine's (AAOM) ad hoc committee on small plants during 1969. A study is being made of small plant service needs to determine how environmental matters are handled in an attempt to identify a satisfactory model, or if one not be found, to develop such. IHF expects to expand small plant programs in 1970, in collaboration with the AAOM and all other health organizations concerned with this problem.