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Dr. E. R. Kelly
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Subject: Demineralization of finger-ends in PVC - Monzon

Dear Dr. Kelly.

First I want to thank you for the medical examination and the supply of penicillin tablets. Also, Dr. Budó appreciated the lighter and knife very much and sends his respects.

Paul Klingsporn received background information concerning some results of testing for demineralization of finger-ends in Springfield and in other companies. You discussed this briefly with me when I was in St. Louis.

Our procedure for PVC kettle cleaning in Monzon is briefly:

1. The kettles are flushed with water after dumping the batch.
2. The kettle is then filled completely with water and dumped to the sewer.
3. An air blower is installed to provide fresh air in the kettle. There is no noticeable odor.
4. The operator does not normally wear protective gloves when cleaning the kettles.
5. The cleaning frequency for each operator is about three 8-hour shifts/month. (total exposure of about 24 hrs/month).

We plan to X-ray fingers of the operators during their annual physicals. the physicals of the PVC personnel start this month and we should have data available by mid-August. We will continue cleaning without gloves until after the X-rays are taken. Then gloves will be required.

Regards,


Glenn E. Pratt

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