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To All Maintenance Supervision:

It has come to my attention that the hydraulic fluid, Pydraul A-200 (it is a less expensive substitute for Pydraul F-9), is being used as a cleaning solvent and does a very good job in this regard. However, it must be pointed out that this fluid is intended to be used only in a closed hydraulic system. When used in open atmosphere it gives off toxic fumes. Further, if subjected to temperature in excess of 150° Fahrenhit it decomposes into poisonous gases. While not an immediate concern of the Safety Department, it is also noteworthy that this material is more expensive than the fluid obtained specifically for cleaning; therefore, you should instruct all of your personnel that Pydraul A-200 is for use in closed hydraulic systems only and is not to be used in any other way.

The above is a copy of a letter received from the Safety Department. Please inform all your people of its contents and instruct them that for cleaning fluids they are to use ONLY Stores Code #90938 (low odor Stoddard solvent of Machine Wash - $.19 per gallon) or Code #88209 (Chlorothane or Electrosol - $1.74 per gallon).

The latter should obviously be restricted to special uses because of its prohibitive price.

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