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Diamond employes free of chloride effects

Diamond Shamrock Corp. one of the nation's leading producers of polyvinyl chloride (PVC), has reported today that an in-depth health survey of its 709 employees exposed to vinyl chloride monomer (VMC) vapor in the past is completed, and preliminary results of the survey showed that none of its PVC workers showed any evidence of angiosarcoma of the liver.

Diamond Shamrock has also surveyed the health status of employees who have left the company, as well as studying records of retired and deceased employees, and again found no evidence of angiosarcoma.

In June, 1973, Diamond Shamrock embarked upon a thorough program of carefully monitoring VCM vapors and reduction of these to lower levels within its own manufacturing operations. At the same time, the company also began a \$1.8 million program at its Deer Park, Texas, plant to reduce atmospheric emissions of VMC to the lowest levels technically feasible.

Following the January, 1974, revelations at B.F. Goodrich's Louisville, Ky. plant suggesting a possible connection between the vapors of vinyl monomer and a rare angiosarcoma of the liver, Diamond Shamrock instituted further intensive programs to markedly curtail limits of exposure to its workers.

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