

TO: Distribution

TGG: JCL: ~~ENT~~: ~~MM~~: ~~AO~~: RF

XF: Desk

FROM: T. G. Grumbles
DATE: November 7, 1989

Interoffice
Communication

SUBJ: UPDATE ON INVESTIGATION OF REPORT OF POSSIBLE ADVERSE
HEALTH EFFECTS FROM ALUMINA EXPOSURE

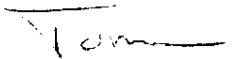
VISTA

This letter is to update you on our plans to conduct toxicology testing to evaluate the irritation potential of our alumina.

Vista contracted with a toxicologist with expertise in the area of inhalation toxicology to review the scientific literature on alumina, our existing alumina toxicity data, and recommend what testing might be done to evaluate the irritancy potential of our alumina.

In summary the consultant has advised that additional testing be done and is currently preparing a detailed recommendation for testing to evaluate the irritation and sensitization properties of our CATAPAL Alumina. We expect to receive this report in 2-3 weeks. the testing is anticipated to take 3-4 months to complete.

The test results will be evaluated to determine if a lower permissible exposure limit is necessary for Vista Alumina and if handling procedures need further refinements. You will be fully informed of the testing results and conclusions.


T. G. Grumbles

dlj
.835

VVV 000007032