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SUBJECT Medical Surveillance - VCM

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Paragraph 1910.93q, sections (1)(4) and (1)(5) of the permanent VCM standard states:

(1)(4) "A statement of each employee's suitability for continued exposure to vinyl chloride including the use of protective equipment and respirators shall be obtained from the examining physician promptly after any examination. A copy of the physician's statement shall be provided each employee".

(1)(5) "If any employee's health would be materially impaired by continued exposure, such employee shall be withdrawn from possible contact with vinyl chloride".

Borden Chemical's fulfillment of these sections of the law -- when it is enforceable (presently the law has been stayed by the Second Circuit Federal Court) -- will be determined only by a medical team or committee. Currently such medical teams have been established as follows:

Leominster Plant

Dr. Norman Williams - Professor of Community Health and Preventative Medicine, Jefferson Medical College, Thomas Jefferson University

Dr. Francis Crowley - Internist, Leominster Hospital

Dr. J. C. Stevens - Pathologist, Leominster Hospital

Illliopolis Plant

Dr. Norman Williams

Dr. Charles P. Downey - Internist, Decatur Memorial Hospital

Dr. A. H. Lemedios - Pathologist, Decatur Memorial Hospital

If the medical team or committee deems it appropriate, subject determination can be made in cooperation with the employee's personal medical advisor.

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When, and if, it is necessary that medical surveillance be undertaken at other Borden Chemical plants under paragraph 1910.93q, similar medical teams will be formed for fulfilling the requirements of the law. At this point in time, no other Borden wholly-owned plants should require medical surveillance.

Very truly yours,

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