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July 28, 1982

COMMUNICATION TO EMPLOYEES

UPDATE OF VICTORIA PLANT STATISTICS

1956 - 1980

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If you have any questions or would like to see the latest report, please call Jim Kayser at Ext. 1185.

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CC: Staff
OHMC
I/H Committee

July 28, 1982

TO: DIVISION SUPERINTENDENTS

FROM: J. M. KAYSER

CANCER STUDY UPDATE

1956 - 1980

The Du Pont Medical Department has updated its ongoing cancer incidence study through 1980. Their summary states "no significant excesses were observed in the overall or primary-site-specific cancer experience of employees at the plant from 1956-1980.

A brief explanation of the study is attached. This new information should be made available to employees in your Division according to our standard communication procedure (I/H #2, para. III-B). No formal documentation is necessary. Please keep a copy of this communication in all area I/H notebooks.

You may be interested in reviewing the 2/4/80 communication to employees which addresses the brain cancer/"statistically significant" issue in detail. If there are any questions about this study, please call me at Ext. 1185.

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ATTACHMENT 3 - COMPETENT PERSON TRAINING

A trained "competent person" is required to supervise all "construction" operations unless they are small-scale, short duration. This person is required to have attended a comprehensive course, such as those listed below. This will require designation of at least one such person at each Du Pont site and their attendance at one of these courses. Also, contractors on our sites must have a "competent person" who is likewise trained. The duties of this person in (e.6.ii.A-H) and in (i.4) (protective clothing inspection) and repeated in Appendix A under "Removing Asbestos Materials" require him to be physically present at the removal site and continually supervising the work.

A "competent person" is not required for small-scale, short duration operations. Examples are given, including pipe repair, valve replacement, installing electrical conduits, installing or removing drywall, roofing, and other general building maintenance and renovation. These operations, and others involving maintenance or renovation where removal of insulation is secondary (and the procedures in Appendix G are followed) are exempted from the "competent person" requirement. For these operations, there are simpler training requirements for the mechanics in Appendix G under "maintenance program." Sites may choose to contract out larger jobs to contractors with "competent persons" to supervise the work, rather than to train a Du Pont person for infrequent removal jobs.

A list of training courses on asbestos control follows. The Du Pont course at Chambers Works is preferred, as it addresses typical Du Pont removal jobs more specifically. The Chambers Works course meets the New Jersey requirements for certification. If attendance is sufficient, Charles Battle may be able to give the course at a site in your region. The other courses listed are given by programs designated as asbestos technical training centers by the Environmental Protection Agency. Prospective attendees must contact sponsors directly to determine if a course meets current certification requirements for a particular state, since these are changing rapidly.

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Asbestos Control Training Courses

Asbestos Control
Du Pont Chambers Works
Charles Battle, C&P
Phone: 540-3857

Practices and Procedures in Asbestos Control
University of Kansas National Asbestos Training Center
Division of Continuing Education
5005 West 95th Street
Shawnee Mission, KS 66207-3398
Lani Himegarner (913) 648-5790 or 5042

Supervision of Asbestos Abatement Projects
Georgia Institute of Technology
Department of Continuing Education
Atlanta, GA 30332-0385
(404) 894-2400

Asbestos Hazard Evaluation and Abatement
Drexel University
Asbestos Training Center
Registrar, Continuing Professional Education
32nd and Chestnut Streets #216
Philadelphia, PA 19104
(215) 895-2156

Procedures and Practices for Asbestos Abatement Projects
Tufts University
Asbestos Information Center
Curtis Hall
Medford, MA 02155
Janet Oppenheim-McMullen, Program Manager
(617) 381-3531

Procedures and Practices for Supervising Asbestos Abatement Projects
New Jersey-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School
Asbestos Training Center
Lee Louston
(201) 463-4500

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