

**Interoffice
Communication**

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SUBJ: PROGRESS REPORT

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Below is a summary of the Biomedical and Environmental Affairs Department's activities for the last two weeks.

1. TGG made a presentation to the Annual Surfactants Meeting regarding environmental challenges in the future and Vista Environmental Policy.
2. Consulted with Marketing Administration on the content of communication with Canadian customers regarding the Canadian Environmental Protection Act Domestic Substances List and the status of Vista products.
3. Consulted with Purchasing about communicating with our PVC ingredient suppliers regarding the same.
4. Met with Legal to prepare for Environmental Awareness Training for PED and S & T groups.
5. Conferred with Lake Charles personnel concerning RCRA training and upcoming VCM plant audit.
6. Conferred with S & T on upcoming auditing program.
7. Reactivated Environmental Engineering Standards Team.
8. Responded to LCA request to provide information on DEQ delaying actions on permit applications.
9. Participated in vinyl chloride rail/barge shipping options discussion.
10. 44 COEDS ordered MSDS's were sent out.
11. Revised 810-40 and LPA 140 MSDS's.
12. Prepared a new MSDS for N-500L.
13. JCL attended the Vinyl Institute Health, Safety, and Environment meeting and organized a series of waste minimization presentation at that meeting by VI member companies.
14. JCL attended the annual Vinyl Chloride Safety Association meeting in Boston and was elected 1990 chairman of the VCSA.

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15. The CLER Communication Committee met with the E. Bruce Harrison Company to discuss the 1990 activity schedule. The 1990 budget for this activity has been set at \$140M.
16. Scheduled Environmental Awareness Training with S&T Ex-Plant and PED.
17. JCL participated in a team to evaluate the need for R&D assistance on environmental compliance projects at the plants. A recommendation was made that R&D become involved in a number of areas to identify alternate technologies that might be used to reduce discharges of pollutants.
18. JCL attended the VI Technical Committee meeting. The VI is contemplating taking the position that the use of lead stabilizers be reduced to the extent feasible. The driving force is concern over lead in Municipal Solid Waste incinerator ash. The largest source of lead in MSW appears to be from discards of imported shoes. Wire and cable is not considered a component of MSW due to its semi-permanent applications and high recycle rate.

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