

CHEMICALS



INDUSTRIES

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TO J. M. Davis *JMD*
 FROM Dr. H. B. Lovejoy

DATE October 9, 1975

SUBJECT Approval for Vinyl

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In accordance with our conversation this morning, I am advising you in writing that I feel that personnel who have had abnormal liver function tests and have had follow-up liver tests which have become normal in three or more months may return to work in the vinyl or organics area. These people however should be rechecked in another three months by the same liver tests and again in six more months and if any of these are abnormal they should be permanently removed from this area. If they remain normal they resume their annual blood and physical examination schedule.

It is my feeling that the vast majority of abnormal liver function tests are caused by regular and rather heavy drinking of alcohol and I expect that the people who have abnormal liver tests as a result of this may be inclined to resume their previous habits as soon as they feel they are okay and this is my reasoning for the above scheduling.

HBL/bc

CC: O. L. Cromeans ✓
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 L. B. Grant, M. D.

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*How can we say
 that if alcohol caused
 1st problem it didn't
 cause later ones - This
 should be analyzed on individual
 basis. Permanent reassignment*

*Murray Davis and I discussed this
 with Dr Lovejoy. I agree with his
 philosophy. However I think that it
 should be announced as a matter of
 policy not just start doing it.*

*Should be
 based on
 overall
 medical
 opinion
 case by
 case rather
 than some
 general
 rule.*

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