

**Interoffice
Communication**

TO: R. D. Gamblin

FROM: T. G. Grumbles
DATE: March 22, 1991
SUBJ: PROGRESS REPORT

VISTA

1. TGG participated in ex-plant audits at J. Sterling and C. P. Hall in Chicago.
2. TGG participated in a meeting with Public Relations and manufacturing to review the need for and content of community outreach programs for neighbors of the LCCC.
3. Comments were prepared and sent to CMA on the draft Pollution Prevention and Employee Safety and Health Codes of Management Practice.

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VISTA

Mr. Bob Austin
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Dear Bob:

Based on Vista's current understanding of the HM-181, hazardous materials table, Vista believes that the Naptha description may be the most appropriate description for Vista LPA solvents that have flash points below 140. Vista has not determined if we will continue to use the flammable/combustible scheme for domestic ground transport or utilize the revised HM-181 flammable only scheme. Based on LPA solvent's flash above 140°F, it would be non-regulated under the HM-181 flammable definitions.

This issue is still not clear to us and we are seeking clarification before deciding how we classify this product for HM-181 compliance.

Sincerely,

Tom Grumbles

Thomas G. Grumbles, C.I.H.
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Thomas G. Grumbles

TGG: ~~del~~ VISTA
FRT: ~~del~~ M.M.: ~~del~~ A.M.: ~~del~~ RF

XF: none

To Bob Schetter

Date 3/21

Tom Grula asked me to
Respond to you.

Benzene impacts us at multiple
plants, not just Leec.

We have received one letter
asking us to be aware of and
consider participation in the
program. No specifics are
available on the program
yet, and we will not
respond until we know
more.

TGG

Bob Schettek

VISTA

To *Tom Grubbs*

Date 3/5

Any INFO. ON HOW VISTA IS
RESPONDING TO THIS EPA REQUEST?

IS BENZENE THE SPECIFIC ITEM
THEY'RE TARGETING @ LCCC?

RJS

~~—~~ *TE Grumbles*

Can you respond to
Bob? Thank!

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EPA asks firms to cut chemical emissions

By Adam Lashinsky
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WASHINGTON—Plastics resin suppliers and processors are among the more than 600 U.S. companies requested by Environmental Protection Agency Administrator William Reilly to reduce voluntarily their releases of 17 toxic chemicals.

As part of his Industrial Toxics project to reduce pollution at the source, Reilly has asked the companies to cut their emissions of the substances by one-third by

1992, and to halve them by 1995.

The chemicals are: benzene, cadmium, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, cyanides, dichloromethane, lead, mercury, methyl ethyl ketone, methyl isobutyl ketone, nickel, tetrachloroethylene, toluene, trichloromethane, trichloroethylene and xylene.

A Feb. 7 EPA release said being identified as a source of any of the 17 chemicals was not an indication that a company is mismanaged or out of compliance with pollution control regulations.

The list of targeted companies

includes nearly every major resin supplier and several plastics processors.

Firms on the list include:

- Air Products and Chemicals of Allentown, Pa.
- Allied-Signal Inc. of Morristown, N.J.
- American Cyanamid Co. of Wayne, N.J.
- Amoco Corp. of Chicago
- Ashland Oil Inc. of Russell, Ky.
- BASF Corp. of Parsippany, N.J.
- Chase Packaging Corp. of Old Greenwich, Conn.

- Dow Chemical Co. of Midland, Mich.
- Du Pont Co. of Wilmington, Del.
- Eastman Kodak Co. of Rochester, N.Y.
- Easton Foam Inc. of Easton, Pa.
- Emerlad Packaging Inc. of Berkeley, Calif.
- Fina Oil and Chemical Co. of Dallas.
- GenCorp Inc. of Akron, Ohio.
- Hoechst Celanese Corp. of Bridgewater, N.J.
- ICI Americas Holding of Wilm-

ington, Del.

- Illinois Tool Works Inc. of Chicago.
- Johnson Controls Inc. of Milwaukee.
- Mobil Oil Corp. of New York.
- Molded Fiber Glass Cos. of Ashtabula, Ohio.
- Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. of Toledo, Ohio.
- Poly Pak Industries Inc. of Melville, N.Y.
- Sonoco Products Co. of Hartsville, S.C.
- Vista Chemical Co. of Westlake, La.