

National Health and Safety Committee Meeting
Friday, November 21, 1980

Present for the Company

J. J. Whelan
P. E. Toth
D. C. Laderach, M.D.
D. A. Gray

Present for the Union

E. Kovacich
D. MacLeod

The following issues were discussed at the meeting which was held in conference room 205 - WHQ:

Lead

The Company indicated that continued progress with respect to employee exposure to lead was evidenced by third quarter blood lead test results -- a copy of which was provided to the union. The union was also advised that no lead has been used on Company trucks since the 1980 model year and the new Escort-Lynx car lines. Additionally the union was told that considerably less lead is required on the new Granada-Cougar than their predecessors.

- * The union representatives were advised that a copy of the Company's final request for variance from the lead-arsenic standard from the Department of Labor would be forthcoming in the next few days. *Also said we would provide blood lead test results for 1980.*

Coke Oven Emissions

The Company provided a status report of the coke oven emission citation to the union. The union was advised of the major ingredients of the recent settlement agreement including medical examinations, issuance of positive air respirators and improved filtered air systems in certain lunch rooms. The union was also advised that in spite of the improvements contained in the settlement agreement the Company would still not be in compliance at all times and/or under all circumstances. (Company representatives should confirm that Steel Division has done everything required under the terms of the settlement agreement.)

Saline Plant Inspection

degreaser has been in operation for 15 yrs using the chloroethylene line
Kovacich had been requested by the local committee to tour the degreasing operation at Saline and did so on Tuesday, November 18, 1980. Kovacich indicated some concern regarding employee exposure "particularly to employees working across the aisle" based on the set-up, operation and location of the machinery. Specifically Kovacich questioned the adequacy of the ventilation system, the use of man cooling fans, the effect of open or closed doors on the machinery proper and recommended machine specifications and method of operation. He indicated that the local union had a health and safety grievance in the procedure and that the remedy sought by the local union was the relocation of this operation. Kovacich said that in spite of favorable Company industrial hygiene surveys, the smell of trichlorethylene was evident implying that exposure is greater than what Company surveys had previously measured. In this regard the Company indicated that additional industrial hygiene surveys are planned in the near future. *Scheduled for Monday and Tuesday 12/8, 12/9 - scheduled by Laderach. He said that he has been and would have been before to work which makes the work self-con-*

cluded. Beyer said he is pushed frequently and becomes contaminated