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DATE: December 10, 1979

cc: Plant Manager's Safety Board
SHAC Committee

SUBJECT: HOURLY SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING - TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31, 1979

REFERENCE

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT
MON-617

TO : Hourly Safety Committee:

J. R. Bessire	19/24
D. Barnhill	AB
Hugh Bowen	SS-6
Greg Bryan	51D
Andrew Caine	SS-26
Joe Lowe	SS-9
Dudley Packard	SS-11
O. C. Patterson	15/16

A. Old Business

1. A concern was re-expressed about Asbestos Handling, especially by Contractors. Although we do a good job of handling it while removing it, our precautions breakdown when transporting the used material from the work site to the disposal site (littering the streets) and handling it at disposal site.

2. I advised the Committee that as a result of their past concerns, a SHAC notice would be forthcoming alerting the plant about doing a good job on decontaminating small pieces of equipment and such unobtrusive items as scaffold boards, insulation, etc. (notice has been issued).

3. A suggestion was re-expressed about the possibility of installing signs throughout the plant on fundamental action to take in case of a plant emergency. This would be aimed more at new employees and contractors. I advised our principal thrust in this area should be more in the continued emphasis on training and communicating for all new people.

B. New Business

1. The following SHAC notices were reviewed:

a. What to do if Breathing Air Becomes Contaminated.
b. Change of Emergency All-Clear.
c. Loss Reduction on Motor Bearing Failures.

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B. New Business - cont'd.

2. The enforcement of Traffic Control, especially with regards to Contractor Vehicular Traffic, was discussed. Plant Security has been placing more emphasis on the control of traffic within the last few months; however, it takes all of us doing our parts in correcting unsafe acts and/or bringing up violations to the attention of Plant Security.

3. A concern was expressed about a portable pipe cutting machine in the Main Shop, specifically the potential damage to the electrical cord as it is not in conduit. Work is currently underway in correcting the situation.

4. The question was brought up of when is the best time to train new employees on Fire Fighting and should not truck drivers and fork lift operators also take this training?

5. Hazards with "Bic" lighters as possible explosion devices, especially while welding, was brought to light. Although lighters are not allowed in the plant, this could be a hazard outside the plant. (A bulletin has since been issued by Safety concerning the hazards of these lighters.)

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R. A. Hernandez
SHAC Chairman

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