

Texas City

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Phenol-Free VCM

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The problems in delivering phenol-free (zero ppm) VCM to General Tire, while phenol inhibited VCM is supplied to Springfield, were discussed with the Springfield PVC Superintendents on October 28.

As a result of this discussion, Messrs. Willis and Jackson agreed to accept phenol-free VCM on a trial basis for one month. This change is to take place immediately. If the uninhibited monomer proves acceptable for our polymer operations, it is expected that the Springfield specification for VCM monomer will be revised to include the phenol-free material.

Mr. McQuarrie has been requested to furnish Springfield with information on the cars containing phenol-free material, as follows: Car Number, Texas City results for ppm phenol in the product, last time the car was cleaned, and the last shipment made in the car.

Mr. Baker has been requested to send Mr. Blichars a copy of the General Tire method for phenol analysis in VCM. Springfield will check for phenol content of the incoming cars to determine if extraction of phenol from the car is occurring. Springfield will also observe samples from the cars for any evidence of polymer content.

The phenol addition system was drained and blocked-in on October 28, and the two VCM rundown tanks transferred to the spheres on that date started this 100% phenol-free program.

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