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Air Masks During a Spill

You requested that I consider the item brought up in the Process Hazard Committee's report concerning the use of air masks during a spill emergency. We do not see the need of the inclusion in the Procedure Bulletin No. 31 of a rule concerning the disposition of air masks during a spill. Our reasons are as follows:

Any spill in the Styrene, Ethylene or Polyethylene plants would not affect those using air masks. (The air masks are used in Departments 31, 18 and VCM.) The spill which would affect the air system would have to come from the north or northwest and in sufficient quantities to rise over or go around the large cooling tower north of Department 17 and reach the air intake. We believe that a spill of this magnitude would be a major emergency of which everyone in the surrounding areas would be fully aware of and could be easily instructed to discontinue the use of the air masks.

For these reasons we do not feel justified in making a firm procedure requiring that persons using air masks immediately discontinue such use during any and all spills.

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