

INTER-OFFICE MEMO **TENNECO CHEMICALS, INC.**

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| TO      | J. T. Sweeney                                                                                                                  | AT | Flemington | DATE    | November 5, 1975                                                                                                                      |
| FROM    | R. A. Lojewski                                                                                                                 | AT | Flemington | COPY TO | W. D. Bord<br>D. M. Hershkowitz<br>P. A. Lobo<br>W. Miringoff<br>P. M. Reed<br>F. X. Ritter<br>M. K. Rosen<br>G. I. Rozand<br>F. Toca |
| SUBJECT | <u>VCM Exposure Data - Flemington Plant</u><br><u>Bendix Monitoring System</u><br>Period: October 25, 1975 to October 31, 1975 |    |            |         |                                                                                                                                       |

Attached are area summaries, summaries of excursions above 1, 5, 25 and 100 ppm VCM and a listing of all excursions observed at or above 100 ppm VCM. Monitoring point RE #9 remained in special service during this period. Point RE #20 was put back into normal service on October 24, 1975.

The plant was in operation seven days for this report period running at about 90% utilization. The following summaries are taken from a tabulation of 25% of the data or one set of readings per hour.

The Reactor Building showed 395 readings > 1 ppm, 24 excursions > 25 ppm and 4 readings > 100 ppm.

The Pilot Plant showed 195 readings > 1ppm, 9 excursions > 25 ppm and no readings > 100 ppm.

The General Area showed 123 readings > 1 ppm, 6 excursions > 25 ppm and 1 reading > 100 ppm.

The Lift Station showed 23 readings > 1 ppm, 4 excursions > 25 ppm and no readings > 100 ppm.

The Parshall Flume showed 34 readings > 1 ppm, 6 excursions > 25 ppm and no readings > 100 ppm.

All readings greater than or equal to 100 ppm are tabulated in Table IV. Five readings at or above 100 ppm occurred during this report period reflecting four separate incidents. Three incidents occurred in the Reactor Building affecting the recovery compressor room, the # 2 slurry transfer pumps, the defoamer tanks and the second floor center aisle. One incident occurred in the General Area affecting the tank farm VCM transfer pumps. There were no incidents in the Pilot Plant this report period.

  
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# REACTOR BUILDING

Period Covered 10-25/10-31-75

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| Monitoring Point                                 | N       | $\bar{x}$ | >1  | >5  | >25 | >10 |
|--------------------------------------------------|---------|-----------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 Center Aisle Column #2, 1st flr                | 160     | 0.2       | 16  | 4   | 1   | 0   |
| 2 Center Aisle Column #4, 1st flr                | 160     | 0.4       | 18  | 2   | 0   | 0   |
| 3 Center Aisle Column #6, 1st flr                | 160     | 0.9       | 22  | 3   | 1   | 1   |
| 4 #1 Slurry Transfer Pump, 1st flr               | 160     | 0.6       | 13  | 6   | 0   | 0   |
| 5 #2 Slurry Transfer Pump, 1st flr               | 160     | 1.3       | 19  | 7   | 3   | 1   |
| 6 Defoamer Tanks, 1st flr                        | 160     | 1.0       | 26  | 6   | 1   | 1   |
| 7 #1 Recovery Compressor Wall, 1st flr           | 160     | 0.8       | 14  | 7   | 0   | 0   |
| 8 #1 Recovery Vacuum Seal Pump, 1st flr          | 160     | 0.6       | 15  | 7   | 2   | 0   |
| 9 VCM Day Tank Pumps, outside                    | SPECIAL | SPECIAL   | ←   |     |     | →   |
| 10 Center Aisle Column #2, 2nd flr               | 160     | 1.2       | 25  | 6   | 2   | 0   |
| 11 Center Aisle Column #4, 2nd flr               | 162     | 1.0       | 23  | 5   | 1   | 0   |
| 12 Center Aisle Column #6, 2nd flr               | 162     | 0.9       | 18  | 4   | 1   | 1   |
| 13 Stripper #2 Platform, manhole, 2nd flr        | 162     | 1.3       | 24  | 9   | 1   | 0   |
| 14 Panel Board Column #7, 2nd flr                | 162     | 1.5       | 26  | 13  | 2   | 0   |
| 15 Stripper #1 Platform, manhole, 2nd flr        | 162     | 0.8       | 20  | 10  | 1   | 0   |
| 16 Knock-Out Pots, 2nd flr                       | 162     | 1.6       | 21  | 14  | 0   | 0   |
| 17 West Wall Between Old Styrene Tanks, 2nd flr  | 162     | 1.8       | 29  | 18  | 3   | 0   |
| 18 South Wall Near Gelatin Make-Up Area, 2nd flr | 162     | 0.7       | 17  | 12  | 2   | 0   |
| 19 Stairwell in Hallway, 2nd flr                 | 162     | 1.5       | 25  | 13  | 1   | 0   |
| 20 Outside, near left side door to weigh tank    | 162     | 1.1       | 19  | 12  | 2   | 0   |
| Total                                            | 3060    | 1.01      | 395 | 160 | 24  | 4   |

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# PILOT PLANT

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| Monitoring Point      | N    | $\bar{x}$ | >1  | >5 | >25 | >100 |
|-----------------------|------|-----------|-----|----|-----|------|
| Dryer                 | 150  | 0.3       | 16  | 5  | 1   | 0    |
| Lift Station (future) | 150  | 0.6       | 23  | 6  | 4   | 0    |
| Pilot Laboratory      | 150  | 0.2       | 12  | 4  | 0   | 0    |
| Centrifuge            | 150  | 1.0       | 26  | 6  | 1   | 0    |
| "F" Reactor           | 150  | 0.9       | 31  | 9  | 2   | 0    |
| Parshall Flume        | 150  | 1.3       | 34  | 11 | 6   | 0    |
| Cooling Tower         | 150  | 0.8       | 26  | 8  | 1   | 0    |
| Pump Switches         | 150  | 1.3       | 31  | 9  | 2   | 0    |
| "E" Reactor           | 150  | 0.9       | 26  | 7  | 1   | 0    |
| "B" & "C" Reactors    | 150  | 1.2       | 27  | 6  | 1   | 0    |
| Total                 | 1500 | 0.85      | 252 | 71 | 19  | 0    |

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# GENERAL AREA

Period Covered 10-25/10-31-73

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| Monitoring Point                    | N    | $\bar{x}$ | >1  | >5 | >25 | >100 |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------|-----|----|-----|------|
| 1. Truck Loading                    | 146  | 0.1       | 2   | 1  | 0   | 0    |
| 2. Quality Control Laboratory, west | 146  | 0.1       | 3   | 1  | 0   | 0    |
| 3. Quality Control Laboratory, east | 146  | <0.1      | 1   | 0  | 0   | 0    |
| 4. Lunchroom                        | 146  | <0.1      | 1   | 0  | 0   | 0    |
| 5. Bulk Loading Tower               | 146  | 0.2       | 1   | 1  | 0   | 0    |
| 6. Dryer Room                       | 146  | 0.2       | 2   | 2  | 0   | 0    |
| 7. Bagging Seat                     | 146  | <0.1      | 2   | 1  | 0   | 0    |
| 8. Maintenance Shop                 | 146  | 0.2       | 2   | 1  | 9   | 0    |
| 9. VCM Pumps                        | 146  | 3.2       | 61  | 29 | 4   | 1    |
| 10. Tank Car Unloading              | 146  | 2.5       | 48  | 19 | 2   | 0    |
| Total                               | 1460 | 0.68      | 123 | 55 | 6   | 1    |

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EXCURSIONS AT 100 ppm OR GREATER

PERIOD COVERED 10-25/10-31

DATE

TIME, HRS.

AREA

10-27-75

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#1 RECOVERY COMP. WALL, 1<sup>ST</sup> F. BLDG

10-29-75

0222  
0224

#2 SLURRY TRANSFER PUMP 1<sup>ST</sup> F. BLDG  
DEFORMER TANKS, 1<sup>ST</sup> F. BLDG

10-30-75

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CENTER AISLE COLUMN #6, 2<sup>ND</sup> F. BLDG

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VCM PUMPS (TANK FARM)

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