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TEXAS CITY

Coding of work history continues. NIOSH confirmed case match of the probable glioblastoma multiformes obtained via the M. D. Anderson listing.

Because (1) Texas City industry including our UCC plant is tightly-packed into a small geographical area, (2) medical and statistical data including county of residency is in-hand via the M. D. Anderson listing, and (3) considering that of the 16 glioblastoma multiforme cases on the UCC list, five had worked at our Texas City plant for three years, or less, NIOSH has expanded their study to investigate the incidence of brain tumors in all of Galveston County. Dr. Patricia Buffler, University of Texas School of Public Health in Houston, and researchers from University of Texas medical branch in Galveston are doing this work.

Dr. V. Alexander asked for and received a roster of Texas City Plant known lymphoma cases. He had received a letter from a Texas City Plant Distribution employee concerning possible excesses of lymphomas, and preliminary pmr data (to him) indicated excess.

Drs. Alexander (OSHA), Leffingwell and Waxweiler (NIOSH), Industrial Hygiene Engineer H. R. Ludwig (NIOSH) visited Texas City on July 19-20 primarily for plant and unit tours.

KANAWHA VALLEY

Work history coding of inactive employees by the Bldg. 82 team and of active employees by the Institute, South Charleston, and Tech Center ER Departments continues. At my request, Ms. Bobbie Carter, Texas City Plant, came to the Kanawha Valley during the week of July 31 - August 3 to assist in evaluating the quality of the work history data coding effort. Correction of discrepancies in several areas was secured.

A tentative agreement between NIOSH and UCC on the KV epidemiology study was developed on July 26 in a meeting of Dr. Rick Waxweiler and Bob Rinsky, NIOSH, E. Q. Hull, M.D., and J. L. Carvajal for UCC. Proposal is as follows:

1. Coding of employee work history records by UCC.
2. Development of KV plant histories by UCC.
3. Computerization of coded information by NIOSH.
4. Follow-up of employees by NIOSH (part) and UCC (part).
5. Computer analyses by NIOSH.

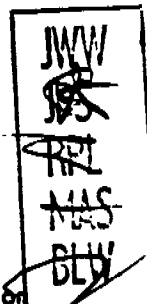
A preliminary schedule calls for reaching step 5 in fiscal 1982.

Gary Marsh, University of Pittsburgh epidemiologist, will visit South Charleston on August 9 to review his pmr results regarding SC plant known deaths (about 1000, mostly retirees and those who died while working since 1940).

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