With respect to sanitary facilities, it would be desirable to be assured that all governmental requirements are met and exceeded and that any control program, as in the case of the carcinogens, will not be impeded by the lack of lavatories and showers. In certain of our establishments, the lack of suitable facilities, their location, or their physical condition, is a very real problem. On the other hand, this condition is being steadily alleviated, and the next few years should find the situation much improved.

In addition to the industrial hygiene problems and activities previously enumerated, there are others, real or alleged, that require investigation. Yesterday we heard of the cancer problem associated with the manufacture of isopropyl alcohol at the Baywey Refinery. This problem, considered acute by the local management because of the employee relations aspect, has entailed a tremendous amount of effort and the end is not in sight. Developing incidence figures for the Chemical Products area alone utilized all available personnel from the Medical Department of the Jersey Company and our own for several weeks, and incidence figures for the alcohol plant are just now being completed. The etiologic agent is not known but no effort is being spared to identify it. Only after the problem has been well defined will it be possible to set up an intelligent control program. The facts evolved at Bayway must then be translated, insofar as they are comparable, into a program at Baton Rouge.

Several studies of a similar type may be in order in other refineries, inasmuch as statements relative to the incidences of certain medical entities have been made and should either be substantiated or disproved.

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