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Mr. Charles R. Jeter
Regional Administrator
Region IV
United States Environmental Protection Agency
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Atlanta, GA 30308

Dear Mr. Jeter:

In my letter to Ms. Hanmer dated October 20, 1980, I advised the Agency of our plans to replace all double rupture disc pressure relief devices on the PVC reactors at Conoco's Aberdeen Plant with relief valve/rupture disc assemblies.

These modifications were completed on the reactors in Polymerization Module No. 2 on August 17, 1981 and on the reactors in Polymerization Module No. 1 on September 18, 1981. With the completion of this project the possibility of a vinyl chloride release due to premature failure of the double disc assemblies has been eliminated. Also, since all relief assemblies now include a relief valve, the magnitude of a release due to overpressure if one should occur will be minimized as the relief valve will likely reseal as the reactor pressure decreases to the relief valve set pressure.

Sincerely,

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