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Subject: Memo Re Dr. Leffingwell's
Phone Conversation

I called Leffingwell 4/10/81 to explain the inclusion of Trichloroethane in the Chemical List for Energy Systems Department Group DG006. I pointed out that the use of Trichloroethane was confined largely to the degreasing of equipment used in oxygen service. Since the Air Separation Unit (also known as B-Gas or Oxygen Plant) which uses Trichloroethane as a cleaning agent is presently part of the Energy Systems Department, this chemical was shown in DG006. Most of the Energy Systems facilities do not use Trichloroethane.

Leffingwell understood what I was saying and then asked which department codes referred to the Air Separation Unit. After checking, I called him back and gave him the following codes:

13100	00800
13110	00106
13140	HX000

pointing out that HX000 could also refer to "Work For Other Units In Carbide". He then asked about code 88500, which has two possible translations -- "Work For Other Units in Corp" or "Linde Div @ 515". Specifically, there were several controls with this department code in their work history which Leffingwell did not know which translation to use. He gave me the names: O. M. Rector, Jr., Walter C. Trimble and J. R. Rex. From Dorothy Heyen's files, I ascertained that the 88500 codes in these records referred to work outside of Texas City (specifically Brownsville, Belgium, Ponce and Brazil). I later called Leffingwell to report this to him. Also, he had asked about code 49200 for a Mr. Stalcup (another control). From Dorothy's records, I concluded that the dictionary translation "Linde Div" was probably correct and that he had worked either at Air Separation or Linde bottling plant in which case he could have been exposed to Trichloroethane. I passed this on to Leffingwell.

Leffingwell seemed satisfied with the info I supplied him. He did not indicate whether he still considered Trichloroethane a possible problem. He's still aiming for completion of the case/control report by the end of this month.

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