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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Vista SARA emissions down 72 percent from 1987

ABERDEEN, Miss. (August ^{when do you want to release this information} XX 1994) - Vista Chemical Company's Aberdeen operations' emissions reported under the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA) decreased 72 percent from 1987 until 1993.

Under SARA, chemical companies tell federal and local governments about any of a list of 300 chemicals they emit to the air, land or water. Vista's Aberdeen plant uses eight of the listed chemicals. Emissions of five of the eight chemicals increased during 1993.

"The increases of these five chemicals are not significant, with the exception of vinyl chloride monomer (VCM)," noted Chris Turner, plant manager. "The 41 percent increase of VCM emissions can be attributed to a three percent increase in production and to strip testing we did during the year."

To manage its VCM emissions, the plant uses a system that recovers or 'strips' unused VCM from the polyvinyl chloride (PVC) in the reactor before it is opened to transfer the PVC to the dryer area. In 1993, the plant experimented with shorter stripping times to increase production.

What were the reasons
 and magnitude of these
 other increases?

How long were
 these tests?

Please give me a table with the emissions data for the 1987-1993 period?
 Do we have a forecast for the 1994 YTD and year-end nos.? I'd prefer
 to simply state "the increase in vinyl emissions was due to testing done
 for x months in 1993. ~~This phrase~~ No further testing is planned
 and we expect 94 emissions to be lower?"

VISTA SARA EMISSIONS
DOWN 72 PERCENT FROM 1987
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After several tests, plant personnel discovered that shorter stripping times resulted in more unreacted VCM being released to the atmosphere. "We decided to return to the original stripping times to reduce VCM emissions," Turner added. "We are exploring other ways to increase PVC production."

is there a better word we can use?

It takes months to calculate the numbers that must be reported under SARA. Results for a given calendar year are not reported to the Environmental Protection Agency until July of the following year, so 1993 numbers are the most current.

"We'll continue to work to reduce the impact we have on the environment," Turner said. "Taking care of the environment is one of our top priorities."

Vista's Aberdeen plant began operation in 1963. Its main products, recyclable polyvinyl chloride resins and flexible compounds are used to make a wide variety of consumer and industrial products including wire and cable coatings, vinyl house siding, pipe and pipe fittings and window and door frames.

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Should we say that we are evaluating expansion options that could yield additional reductions in VCM ~~emissions~~ emissions?