

## COMPLAINTS SENT TO OSHA ABOUT FORMOSA PLASTICS, TEXAS:

1)

APRIL 18, 2008

Worker Complaint: Employees are exposed to inadequate fire protection because the raw water pond is dangerously low and pumping mud. The pond has approximately fifteen to twenty minutes of water available to fight a fire.

Formosa Response: has adequate firewater if needed

OSHA Response: Sent letter to Formosa/ case closed

2)

AUG.7, 2008

Worker Complaint: Exposure of vinyl employees to vinyl chloride; equipment that monitors vinyl chloride has had alarm detection limit changed from 1ppm to 5 ppm to reduce the frequency of alarm events and reporting.

Formosa response: Formosa requested the change to 5ppm due to the fact that the VCM sensors are subject to false alarms at 1ppm and to match industry practice

OSHA: Sent letter to Formosa/case closed

We called and disagreed with OSHA's findings and asked for meeting to discuss this. We provided OSHA with documentation. Nothing was done by OSHA

3)

March, 2008

Worker complaint: There are 4 different shifts, A,B, C,D; per shift four men load one hundred seventy 1 ton bags of PVC dust from an overhead 14 inch chute. There are clouds of PVC dust and on the bags are the warnings: cause cancer. These workers do not have face, eye, or breathing shields even though it is a cancer hazard. There have been many requests to HP Services (the contractors) and Formosa. The workers have taken steps on their own and some workers have handkerchiefs tied around their face or have purchased the white breathing caps from Lowe's for their noses. Some of these workers do not speak English and have no idea what they are breathing or handling.

Formosa: respiratory protection is not required for vinyl chloride or dust exposure for this operation, based on personal air monitoring. Respirators are optional and available upon request

OSHA: Sent letter to Formosa/Case Close

4)

JULY 2008,

Worker Complaint: Second complaint of an ongoing risk; workers in PVC loading area are still having to use rags to cover their mouths and nose because management does not supply masks against the PVC dust that is over spec.

OSHA RESPONSE: NONE

5)

APRIL 2008

Worker Complaint: in the PVC plant area, certain fire equipment parts that are critical for fighting fires are required to be located in fire houses: in these houses are many missing items and although there are work orders written for replacement of the missing parts, these parts are many times not restocked or replaced.

FORMOSA: NOT NEEDED

OSHA: Letter sent to Formosa/ CASE CLOSED

6)

APRIL 7, 2009

Worker Complaint: The Olefins II cooling towers are contaminated with benzene and releasing vapors to the atmosphere and exposing employees to the hazardous chemical

Formosa response: FP experienced 3-5 PPM benzene concentrations in the cooling tower from March 24-March 31. There were no benzene exposures to employees.

OSHA: Letter sent to Formosa/Case Closed

7)

OCT 12, 2009

Worker Complaint: In general and plant wide, accidents (time loss), exposure, and releases are not reported because upper management at Formosa has told supervisors and operators that their 'bonuses could be affected' if an incident is reported.

OSHA: NO RESPONSE

8)

OCTOBER/SEPTEMBER, 2009

Worker Complaint: Plant wide exposure of toxic chemicals.

OSHA: NO RESPONSE

9)

SEPTEMBER 2009

Worker Complaint: Corrosion on over 75 percent of the equipment, towers, and operating processes. Many enclosed work areas are full of toxic fumes and employees are forced to work. Many towers are in dire need of foundation bolts. Many ladders are simply hooked over the towers with missing bolts and that is how one worker fell to his death. I was told to fix ladders. Weld them, but Formosa would not give manpower to do the work. Many new tanks or silos are being fitted with old ladders that are 'tack welded.' I would flag 'barricade' towers for unsafe conditions and that workers should go up but my flags were ignored and workers sent up because management said the work had to be done.

OSHA: NO LETTER TO FORMOSA. CASE CLOSED.

10)

OCTOBER 2009

Worker complaint:

Employees working in the PVC/VCM unit, such as those involved in VCM leak detection, operation and instrumentation are experiencing symptoms related to chronic VCM exposure

Formosa response: The FPC-TX Human Resources Department has reviewed employee hotline reporting programs. These reviews revealed no reports or records identifying symptoms related to employee chronic VCM exposure.

(PLEASE NOTE OUR ENCLOSURE OF AN INTERNAL MEMO FROM FORMOSA TO ALL VINYL EMPLOYEES RELATED TO CANCER. FORMOSA, SUBSEQUENTLY, HIRED A DOCTOR WHO GAVE OUT MEDICAL STUDY SHOWING NO LINK BETWEEN VINYL CHLORIDE EXPOSURE AND BRAIN CANCER)

OSHA: letter sent to Formosa/ Case Closed

- inspect the Silos at the old PVC plant -(Silos 601 and 602) the ladders are tacked and not welded - presenting dangers to workers

- poor condition of bolts to walkways on silos
- dust conditions (very poor visibility) in the warehouse compound  
plant upstairs control room (corner area of the warehouse).