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Anders, Karoline

~~From: Anders, Karoline~~  
~~Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2003 2:35 PM~~  
~~To: Anders, Roger; Center, Paducah~~  
~~Cc: Eagan, Jeff~~  
~~Subject: RE: Dow Chemical (Madison Site)~~

Stewart,

Roger forwarded to me your e-mail regarding the Madison site and asked that I respond. As such, a hello from me. I hope the explanation I've pasted into this e-mail answers your questions. -- Karoline

With regard to the Madison Site, we have reviewed our files, and find no covered work that extends beyond the years 1957-1960. While it is clearly true that the corporate entity at that location (DOW chemical) was in existence prior to 1957, the first link to the AEC occurs on January 4, 1957 with the issuance of an agreement for Dow to perform some work with uranium for the AEC weapons complex. With regard to the end-date, this is based upon documentation which states that there were two rod straightening campaigns, one of which was completed in December 1959 and other was completed in January 1960. While there is no doubt that the plant itself continued to thrive and perform work for many military, civilian, aerospace and nuclear fuel processing operations, these activities would not be covered under the Energy Employees Occupational Illness compensation Program Act of 2000 definition of Atomic Weapons Employers.

In addition, the Office of Worker Advocacy continues to welcome new information and update the covered facilities list accordingly. As such, if any of the folks you met with have information to suggest an AEC/uranium/weapons link outside the years of 1957-1960, we would be happy to receive a copy of it. Also, if they have any idea where the government might go to find such information, that would also be helpful.

We have no information to suggest any beryllium use at this facility. A review of Spectrulite Consortium Inc. (the current owner/operator of the site) website makes it clear that they are a manufacturer of magnesium and aluminum extrusions and rolled products. Our own knowledge informs us that a beryllium/aluminum alloy is often a particularly good mix in terms the needs of aerospace, aviation and military applications, so we wouldn't doubt that the workers are well informed about these matters. Nevertheless, our office has no information in our files on beryllium use at the facility. If workers are concerned about issues regarding beryllium, this comes under the purview of OSHA (Illinois is part of Region 5 - phone (312) 353-2220).

-----Original Message-----

From: Anders, Roger  
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2003 12:56 PM  
To: Anders, Karoline  
Subject: FW: Dow Chemical (Madison Site)

Could you respond to Stewart?

Thanks.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Center, Paducah  
Sent: Tuesday, October 07, 2003 12:27 PM  
To: Anders, Roger  
~~Subject: Dow Chemical (Madison Site)~~

Roger,

We have recently had several contacts from individuals (retirees) who worked at the Dow

Chemical Co. (Madison Site). According to the Advocacy Facility List, it is also known as Madison Site and Spectrulite Consortium, Inc. It is located in Madison, Illinois. The covered time period is indicated as 1957-1960.

~~Many of the people contacting us are stating that the work done at that site began before 1957 and continued much later than 1960. In fact, they say that radioactive metal they worked on is still in the facility. Is it possible that the dates could be/should be expanded? In addition, the same individuals state that beryllium was used in the facility. I realize that they aren't a beryllium vendor but is there evidence in the archives of the presence of beryllium and its use in the facility?~~

Thanks as always for your help, Roger. We really appreciate it.

Stewart Tolar