

UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION REGION I 631 PARK AVENUE KING OF PRUSSIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19406

8 JUL 1981

Docket No. 40-8610

Stepan Chemical Company ATTN: Mr. John O'Brian General Manager 100 West Hunter Avenue Maywood, New Jersey 07607

Gentlemen:

Subject: Inspection 81-03

This refers to the special safety inspection conducted by Ms. M. Campbell and Ms. J. McGinness of this office on July 1, 1981, of activities authorized by NRC License No. STC-1333 and to the discussions of our findings held by Ms. Campbell and Ms. McGinness with Mr. E. Swanson of your staff at the conclusion of the inspection.

Areas examined during this inspection are described in the Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report which is enclosed with this letter. Within these areas, the inspection consisted of selective examinations of procedures and representative records, interviews with personnel, measurements made by the inspector, and observations by the inspector.

Within the scope of this inspection, no items of noncompliance were observed.

Information contained within the enclosed inspection report has been discussed by Mr. F. Costello of this office with Mr. Jacobson of your staff by telephone on July 7, 1981. During this discussion it was concluded that the inspection report contained no information that you considered proprietary: therefore a copy of this letter and its enclosures are being placed in the NRC's Public Document Room.

No reply to this letter is required; however, should you have any questions concerning this inspection, we will be pleased to discuss them with you.

Sincerely.

Boyce H. Grier Director

Enclosure: Office of Inspection and Enforcement Inspection Report Number 40-8610/81-03

cc w/encl: Mr. Richard Jacobson, Esq.



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