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Union Carbide Chemicals and
Plastics Company, Inc.
Silicones Plant, Esters Unit
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Gentlemen:

SUBJECT: NRC INSPECTION REPORT NO. 47-06067-03/91-01

This refers to the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) inspection conducted on January 3-4, 1991, by Mr. David J. Collins of this office at the Sistersville, West Virginia plant. At the conclusion of the inspection, the scope of the inspection and the findings were discussed with Mr. W. V. Summers and members of your staff. A Confirmation of Action letter was also sent to you on December 18, 1990.

The inspection was an examination of activities conducted under your license with respect to radiation safety and compliance with NRC regulations and the conditions of your license. It included selective examinations of procedures and representative records, measurements made by the inspector and interviews with personnel.

The inspection findings indicate that certain activities appear to violate NRC requirements. The apparent violations described in the enclosed Inspection Report are under consideration for escalated enforcement action. Accordingly, a Notice of Violation is not being issued at this time, and a response to this letter is not required. However, please be advised that the number and characterization of apparent violations described in the enclosed inspection report may change as a result of further NRC review.

During a telephone conference between you and Mr. Edward J. McAlpine of this office on January 24, 1991, an Enforcement Conference to discuss these apparent violations was scheduled for 3:30 p.m. on February 4, 1991 in our Atlanta office. The tentative agenda is an enclosure to this letter. The purposes of the conference are to discuss the apparent violations, their causes and safety significance; to provide you an opportunity to point out any errors in our inspection report; to provide an opportunity for you to present your proposed corrective actions; and to discuss any other information that will help us determine the appropriate enforcement action in accordance with the Enforcement Policy. You

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will be advised by separate correspondence of the results of our deliberations on this matter.

In accordance with 10 CFR 2.790, a copy of this letter and its enclosure will be placed in the NRC Public Document Room.

Should you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact us.

Sincerely,

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J. Philip Stohr, Director
Division of Radiation Safety
and Safeguards

Enclosures:

NRC Special Inspection Report No. 47-06067-03/91-01
Enforcement Conference Agenda

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