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Protective Order in
Turner v. Chevron
Wells Jerry USGR

From: Watson Greg USGR
Sent: Wednesday, May 30, 2001 12:54 PM
To: Wells Jerry USGR; Foresman Chuck USDM; Carmean Kurt USGR
Subject: FW: Paraquat meeting follow up: investigation of alternative PPE for Paraquat

Guys,

We need to follow-up on this . . .

Best Regards,
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From: Dixon Monty USGR
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Subject: Paraquat meeting follow up: investigation of alternative PPE for Paraquat

Dear Greg,

I have investigated the availability of Personal Protective Equipment alternatives for preventing the nasal irritation that have been reported for Paraquat use. I have not found any other reasonable PPE that would alleviate the problems. I have consulted with our Chemical Hygienist, Chip Witcher, and his only recommendation would be to increase the awareness of the users to the potential nasal irritation problems.

From a worker protection standpoint, we recommend the following steps to reduce incidences of nasal irritation :

- Require applications be made in closed cab environment
- Utilization of an respirator equipped with an appropriate vapor cartridge (this would not be the dust-mist type of mask as it is our belief this would increase the potential for nasal irritation by trapping the paraquat residue in close proximity to the skin and nasal passages and thus potentially aggravate any skin irritation)

Please let me know if I can provide further assistance with this matter.

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