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Office of the President

Mr. Rudy Shomo, Plant Manager  
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Dear Mr. Shomo:

I wish to express my appreciation to you and your staff for their prompt reaction and notification of our work control operator following the Wednesday evening, June 21, spill at your plant facility. We are confident that your personnel do everything in their power to prevent such occurrences and that you realize that full cooperation and communication with our institution is absolutely essential for the well being of all concerned.

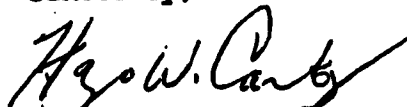
As you may be aware, we held a shelter-in-place drill at 7:15 PM that Wednesday, coincidentally preceding the actual occurrence at your plant. We wanted to ensure that our summer school students and other young people on campus knew the proper actions to take in case of an emergency. As usual, this drill worked as planned.

Later that evening, at approximately 8:40, when your staff notified our personnel of an actual spill, our staff monitored the status of the spill constantly until the "all clear" was given. With the initial notification, they had sufficient information to determine that the proper action was to inform persons on campus to go inside and remain there until further notice. This worked well because we were fully informed of the status of the spill.

This summer, we have over two hundred high school students in residence attending our Upward Bound and athletic programs and it is our responsibility to take every precaution to ensure their well being. It is essential that Rhone-Polenc keep West Virginia State College fully informed of any emergency situation, and I am confident that you will continue to do so. Wednesday night proved the value of this course of action.

I want you to know that we are always available for additional discussions on this topic.

Sincerely,

  
Hazo W. Carter, Jr.  
President

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