

ICL INQUIRY

Questions received from Mrs Anne Ferguson and Mrs Louise Smith

Mr Young

Please explain what you mean at paragraph 15 when you refer to gas detection equipment?

Do you know if there was any gas detection equipment in the ICL premises?

Would gas detection equipment commonly be installed in a situation such as that at the ICL premises?

Mr Dudgeon

Do you know whether, after your delivery of 10th May 2004, whether there was any kind of pressure testing carried out on the LPG installation at ICL?

Mr Elliot

Was a tightness test carried out in April 1998, November 1998 and April 2002?

Can you say whether or not there is any other time between April 1998 and the date of the tragedy on 11 May 2004 when a tightness test would have been carried out?

Mr Inglis

In paragraph 63 Mr Inglis states that he carried out a like for like exchange of tanks. Does this mean that he disconnected one tank?

Do you have any recollection of there being two tanks in April 1998? Could you have exchanged two tanks for one?

Mr Tyldesley

Would you ever have considered recommending that gas detection equipment of some form should be fitted in the basement?

Mr McClintock

On page one of 11834 is partly scored out at section D and a ? is added. Why is this is the case?

Mr Marshall

Para 37 Mr Kincaid's statement: Were you in charge of this area in 1999? Mr Kincaid mentioned a warning notice on the gas valve. He mentioned that his letter was not replied to – did you or one of your colleagues get a gas engineer out to check this? Was the gas used throughout this period?

Mr Campbell Downie

- (1) It states in the plea of mitigation that “ICL Plastics instructed what they believed were competent contractors both to carry out and to supervise the work of installing the pipe” (paragraph 12). They are referred further as “independent contractors” and “independent supervising company” (paragraph 13). Please could you identify who the independent contractors that fitted the pipe were and who the independent supervising company were?
- (2) Para 103 If you were not involved in to the detail of the risk assessments how did you know that ICL Tech Ltd regularly carried out company wide Health and Safety management reviews etc?
- (3) At the time of ICL Tech Ltd being incorporated did you pass on any information about the LPG pipe and the need to maintain the pipework?
- (4) Do you recall what your contact was with the Health and Safety Executive between 1970 and 1973?
- (5) Leaving aside the Calor letter of 4 January 1989, did ICL Plastics Ltd ever request Calor to carry out a test of the pipework?
- (6) Was your company involved in providing industrial coatings for pipes? Why did you not coat the LPG pipes when they were laid in 1969?
- (7) HM Factories Act 1965 recommends the installation of permanent gas detection equipment. Why was this not installed?