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VCM MUTUAL AID RESPONSE NETWORK

Guy, here are the minutes from the October 10, 1990 meeting in Washington that you were unable to attend. Denny Mountz, VCM Business Director at Oxychem sent them to me along with another phone call pleading for Dow participation in this group.

As I mentioned in our phone call, Brad Lienhart, Chlor-Alkali and Derivatives Business Director, actively supports our involvement in this group. Would appreciate some feedback from your discussions within your group as to level of Dow participation in this group in 1991 and who would be the focal point.

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J.M. COBURN

October 19, 1990

To: Members of the Vinyl Chloride
Response Network

Re: Meeting Minutes

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Attached is a copy of the minutes from the group's October 10, 1990 meeting held at the offices of the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) in Washington, D.C.

Please note the action item on page three of the minutes. Members are asked to provide input to Frank Borrelli prior to October 31, 1990. Frank's telephone number is (302) 323-8116 and his FAX number is (302) 323-8105. Any specific questions pertaining to the meeting can be directed to either Frank Borrelli or John Coburn.

Best regards,

Michael L. Donahue
Manager, CHEMNET and
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CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of the Meeting
of the
Vinyl Chloride Mutual Aid Response NetworkCMA General B Conference Room
Washington, D.C.October 10, 1990
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was convened at 10:05 a.m. The following members were present:

MEMBERS

F. Borrelli, Chairman
J. Coburn
B. Higgins
G. Jordan
M. Kerlegon
J. Klimavicz
M. Scheck
F. Sollman

Georgia Gulf Corp.
Occidental Chemical
OxyChem
PPG Industries
Vista Chemical
Georgia Gulf Corp.
The Vinyl Institute
B.F. Goodrich

STAFF

M. Donahue
A. Howard
T. Smerdon (part time)

I. Call to Order and Opening Remarks

Frank Borrelli opened the meeting and self introductions were made. Tom Smerdon presented an antitrust briefing for the members present and discussed and distributed copies of CMA's Antitrust checklist for meetings.

II. VCM Training Program

John Coburn presented an overview of the VCM Training Program held on September 18-19, 1990 at the Burlington County, New Jersey Fire Training Academy co-sponsored by Occidental Chemical, Formosa Plastics, BF Goodrich, and Georgia Gulf Corporation. The program was extremely well received by those in attendance which consisted of a combination of plant personnel and local emergency responders.

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III. Development of the VCM Response Network

Frank Borrelli provided background information outlining the group's activities to date and the results of a follow-up survey made subsequent to the group's June 28, 1990 meeting in Houston. The survey requested information on the participating companies support for and participation in a mutual aid network for responding to incidents involving vinyl chloride. The results of the survey were discussed among members.

IV. CHEMTREC/CHEMNET Overview

Mike Donahue provided an overview of the CMA CHEMTREC and CHEMNET programs including CHEMTREC's role in existing mutual aid programs. The group concluded that CHEMNET should not be considered a substitute for a VCM product-specific mutual aid network. The advantages and disadvantages of both options were discussed. The group concluded that the the sharing of resources through a product-specific mutual aid concept was the most cost-effective and efficient.

V. Organizational Options

The group discussed the options available for organizing which included under the umbrella of the Vinyl Institute, within CMA's CHEMSTAR Division as a special panel, and outside both of these organizations. Organization under CMA's CHEMSTAR Division would require the participating companies to share equally in the funding of the activity to support the utilization of necessary CMA staff to support the project (i.e., panel manager and administrative support staff). It was decided that for the time being, the group would continue to meet in association with the Vinyl Institute.

VI. Mission Statement

The group recommended the following as a mission statement:

"To establish a mutual aid network for responding to transportation incidents involving vinyl chloride"

The following issues were also discussed as possible goals/objectives of the group:

- a. Providing technical vs. "hands on" assistance.
- b. The definition of "regional responsibility" in terms of providing technical "eyes on" assistance and coordination incidents in lieu of actual response team support. Coordination and management of additional resources such as utilization of contractors in the area, manufacturer's resources, and railroad equipment can and should play a key role in VCM emergency response efforts.

- c. Preparedness is an essential component of emergency response and is related to the identification, training, and utilization of the additional organizations and resources noted in (b) above.
- d. Identify weak points in the VCM distribution system so that corrective action(s) can be taken.

ACTION ITEM: The group will prepare a background paper outlining these issues, including the mission and objectives of the group, funding, etc. to be presented to the Executive Board of the Vinyl Institute at their upcoming meeting in December for their action.

Frank Borrelli also asked the group to forward any additional comments relative to this item to him by October 31, 1990 so that a final draft can be prepared and distributed to the members for their use in briefing their respective representatives on the Vinyl Institute Executive Board prior to the December meeting.

VII. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Michael L. Donahue
Manager, CHEMNET and
CHEMTREC Registrant Liaison

Minutes subject to approval
October 18, 1990

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