



CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Vinyl Chloride Health Committee Members:

The following items are enclosed:

- 1) September 9, 1994 Conference Call Agenda;
- 2) October 6 and 7 Committee Meeting Agenda. EPA has agreed to meet with us to discuss the vinyl chloride risk assessment. In response to the Panel's July 5 letter, EPA expressed interest in working with industry to develop a scientifically-sound vinyl chloride risk assessment. EPA's response is enclosed. As a follow-up to the Agency's letter, I was able to schedule a meeting with Agency staff on October 6 at 2:00 p.m. James Cogliano plans to invite the Agency's scientific staff involved in the vinyl chloride risk assessment. He also plans to invite other staff members who have general interest in physiologically-based pharmacokinetic risk assessment modeling. Richard Reitz will attend the EPA meeting to make a presentation on the Panel's behalf. I also will invite James Swenberg to the meeting. Most of you have indicated an interest in attending this meeting with EPA. Please note that there will be a pre-meeting at CMA on October 6 at 10:00 a.m. to coordinate our presentations (Richard Reitz, James Swenberg, and company representatives). The meeting with EPA will be followed by a Committee meeting on October 7 at 8:30 a.m. James Swenberg of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill will present his research program on vinyl chloride to the Committee; and,
- 3) August 2, 1994 Record of Conference Call.

Today, I talked to Frank Kover, Branch Chief for the Existing Chemical Testing Branch at EPA, to arrange a meeting with the Agency staff to discuss the reproductive and teratogenic effects data needs of the ATSDR. Mr. Kover was receptive to hosting a meeting between company representatives and EPA staff to discuss this issue. Brian Reidel of EPA is the Project Manager for vinyl chloride TSCA Section 4 activities. Mr. Reidel is on vacation this week, so I will contact him next week to schedule a meeting with EPA. I will try to schedule this meeting for the morning of October 6 or October 7 so that Panel members do not have to travel to Washington, D.C. twice in a short time period.

I am looking forward to speaking with you on September 9. If you have any questions, please call me at (202) 887-1192.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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