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memo

Date: February 9, 1978
From: Charles J. DiBona
To: Executive Staff and Department Directors
Subject: Staff Support for ICOSH

The Interdepartmental Committee of Safety and Health (ICOSH) has been reconstituted and charged with developing policy and overseeing API's rulemaking activities related to health and safety. In the short time the Committee has had these responsibilities, it has established four task forces to direct API responses in the following areas:

- OSHA/EPA, Benzene
- EPA, Toxic Substances
- OSHA, Cancer Policy
- OSHA, Labeling

In a previous memo dated November 17, 1977, I indicated that the staff assigned to ICOSH's Benzene Legal/Technical Task Force would be responsible for managing the day-to-day activities associated with the benzene rulemaking. I want to extend this same type of responsibility to the other API staff groups assigned to ICOSH task forces.

To ensure adequate staff support and a coordinated approach to all ICOSH-related rulemaking, I want to assign additional responsibilities to the five API staff members who have provided support to ICOSH. Specifically, I want this staff group to manage API internal activities which support ICOSH and its task forces. In order to do this, it will be necessary for this group to analyze and evaluate (a) issues of interest to ICOSH, and (b) the activities of ICOSH task forces to ensure that their actions are consistent with ICOSH policy.

Members of the ICOSH group are: Martha Beauchamp, Jim Manney, Tom Nanney, Steve Swanson and Wendall Ward. I have asked Steve Swanson to serve as chairman of this group.

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