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March 2, 1998

Ms. Wendy K. Sherman
Manager, Vinyl Chloride Health Committee
Chemical Manufacturers Association
1300 Wilson Boulevard
Arlington, VA 22209

Dear Ms. Sherman:

Enclosed are two signed copies of a proposed addendum (Addendum C) to our contract, requesting a revision of the project time line. If you find it acceptable, please return one copy after CMA has signed. Otherwise, please feel free to recommend any changes.

For your information, we are in the process of preparing a more detailed interim report describing the baseline data analyses which were recently completed. We should be sending this report within about two weeks.

If you have any questions, or if I may be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely yours,

Kenneth A. Mundt, Ph.D.

enclosure

ADDENDUM 3**Extension of Project Time Line for Completion**Background:

According to the original agreement between the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA) and Applied Epidemiology, Inc. (AEI), AEI was to have completed the VCM cohort update by December, 1997. Due to unforeseen delays in receiving necessary death certificates from several states (requested in January, 1997), we cannot meet the projected time line.

Last week we received word from the New York State (last state pending) that they had completed our search request. We are now able to better project the time line necessary for completing our analyses and report, and hereby request an extension of time, without additional funding, as outlined below.

Revised Time Line:

April 15, 1998	Complete overall and cause-specific SMR analyses on updated cohort;
June 1, 1998	Complete sub-cohort and advanced statistical analyses
	Assess feasibility of conducting nested case-control studies of observed excesses, make recommendation to CMA
August 1, 1998	Prepare first complete draft of final study report and outline for journal manuscript, submit to Expert Advisory Panel and CMA for review and comment
October 1, 1998	Submit final report and manuscript to CMA for approval

Accepted:

The signatures below indicate acceptance of this addendum:

For CMA:

For Applied Epidemiology, Inc:

Wendy K. Sherman 3/6/98
NAME: Wendy K. Sherman date
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