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To: Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research
Subject: Approval of Plans for Extension of Vinyl Chloride
Research Projects

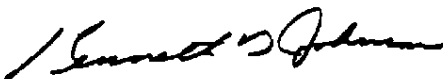
Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith is your information copy of the request to management for commitment of funds for: (1) follow-on work at Dow in the areas of metabolism, teratology, and mutagenesis, (2) extraordinary expenses and contingency funds for the IBT program, and (3) work-up of the Union Carbide personnel data and reanalysis of the expanded data base by Tabershaw/Cooper Associates.

Action copies of this mailing were sent to management representatives on Friday, December 20, to provide companies with time to meet the present commitment out of 1974 operating funds should they so elect.

For this reason, funds for the support of the TCA proposal were also included in this package, even though the final approval of the proposed clarifications in the TCA proposal has not been granted. You will note that MCA will not authorize expenditure of these epidemiology funds until the TTGVCR has approved the necessary changes.

Sincerely,



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payments to help meet some of the extraordinary expenses that they have incurred, particularly in liaison with the technical arms of the regulatory agencies, and the TTGVCR has recommended that the sponsors accept these charges. Additionally, some rental charges may be submitted for inhalation chambers held in reserve, during the discussions with the federal agencies on research protocols anticipating use to conduct the large scale inhalation tests planned earlier. To meet these costs, and with the prospect of future contingencies and administrative costs, the TTGVCR has asked management to provide funds totaling \$50,000.

The late discovery at Union Carbide's South Charleston plant of extensive files of old personnel records has provided the industry with a unique source of epidemiological material on employees with exposure histories dating back to the beginning of the industry. These became available too late to be included in the initial Tabershaw Cooper Associates, Inc. (TCA) study, and it is now proposed that these data be searched and the expanded data base then reanalyzed to meet the extensive criticisms that have been made of our original report. At this time, we are not certain how many individuals are involved, and some minor details in the TCA proposal to do this work remain to be clarified. The Chairman of the TTGVCR has recommended that, in anticipation of final TTGVCR approval, companies be provided the opportunity to pledge, at this time, \$50,000 to complete this work and to provide for contingency and administrative funds.

In summary, the research budget for which approval and pledges of support are now requested is:

Follow-on studies at Dow

Metabolic	\$100,000	
Teratological	20,000	
Mutagenesis	8,000	
Contingency and administrative funds	<u>22,000</u>	
Subtotal		\$150,000

Supplementary costs at Industrial BIO-TEST

Supplementary payment request	20,000	
Contingency (including chamber rental fees) and administrative funds	<u>30,000</u>	
Subtotal		50,000

Follow-on work with Tabershaw Cooper Assoc.

TCA Proposal of Dec. 9, 1974	\$32,000	
Contingency and administrative funds	<u>18,000</u>	
Subtotal		<u>\$50,000</u>
Grand Total		\$250,000

As a number of supporting companies have requested an opportunity to pay the costs of the proposed research out of 1974 operating funds, MCA is willing to accept advance subscriptions to be transmitted with the enclosed pledge forms. In the event that any proposed project is not fully funded contributed subscriptions will be returned.

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Attachments for return by January 30, 1974

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