

JOINT MEETING
HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
AND
SAFETY SUBCOMMITTEE

The Sheraton Music City
777 McGavock Pipe
Nashville, Tennessee

Wednesday
January 25, 1989
10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Frank Borrelli, Georgia Gulf
Bruce Brocka, CertainTeed
W.C. Holbrook, BFGoodrich Company
Jim Kachtick, Occidental Chemical
Joe Ledvina, Vista Chemical
Gabe Lefebvre, BFGoodrich Company
Jack Lippman, Dow Chemical
Cris Lunn, Borden Chemicals
Bob Oubre, Dow Chemical
Irv Power, Occidental Chemical
Meredith Scheck, Vinyl Institute

Opening of Meeting

The meeting convened at 10:30 a.m. with Mr. Holbrook, Committee Chairman, asking for self-introductions.

Safety Workshop

Mrs. Scheck reviewed the discussions held at the December 15th Executive Board Meeting regarding the Safety Seminar concept. Mr. Lunn distributed a list of discussion items and the tentative outline for a pamphlet/brochure announcing the meeting. Following discussions, action items agreed to were:

- A. Location: Wyndham Greenspoint Hotel
Date: April 25, 1989
- B. Hotel Requirements: Block of Rooms (50-100)
Meeting Room
Audio Visual (Overhead, video/monitor, slide projector/screen)
Lunch
2 Coffee Breaks
- C. Panel Members: Lunn, Graybill, Lippman, Power and Holbrook to provide names and brief biographical sketch to Scheck by February 3rd. Power to include paragraph explaining morning presentation.

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- D. Lippman agreed to moderate afternoon session and to arrange for video presentation in conjunction with the luncheon.
- E. Budget to be developed by VI to allow for project to be self-funded and supported by registration.
- F. Assessment sheet to be developed by Lunn/Scheck for development of report to the Board.

Hazard Ranking System

Mr. Holbrook introduced Mr. Lefebvre of the BFGoodrich Company, noting Mr. Lefebvre's involvement with activities of the Chemical Manufacturers Association on the Hazard Ranking System and related issues.

Mr. Lefebvre noted on December 21st that EPA had published in the Federal Register regulations related to the National Contingency Plan and on December 23rd had published the proposed rule on the Hazard Ranking System. He reviewed CMA activity to date on both of these items and noted that the comment period on both items closes February 21st. Mr. Lefebvre noted that he has taken a lead role on the HRS Task Force and Mr. Holbrook reviewed the potential impact of the HRS proposed rule on his and other VI member companies (referencing such items as on site landfills and impoundments). Mr. Lefebvre urged those present to review the proposed rule to determine its impact on each of their facilities. He noted the current involvement on the CMA Task Force of representatives of 2 Vinyl Institute member companies (Dow and PPG), and noted his eagerness to have the input and involvement of others.

In this regard, Mr. Lefebvre distributed four items he had prepared which Mr. Holbrook asked be appended to the minutes as follows - NCP Issues for Comments; Proposed Rule - NCP, comments being developed by CMA; Draft Comments on Hazard Ranking System; and Hazard Ranking System - Comments Requested by EPA.

TCLP Update

Mr. Ledvina stated that although he had been earlier informed that the TCLP would be finalized in March, that it now appears as though the date may be June. He commented further that he understood the vinyl chloride level being considered is 200 ppb.

Mr. Holbrook commented on the impact of this item on surface impoundments. He noted that it is his understanding that it is in "red border review" by EPA and that publication could be anticipated as early as March. Mr. Holbrook noted that the effective date will be six months after promulgation. The committee had a round table discussion on current activity within member companies on impoundments and ponds.

Vinyl Chloride Standard

Ms. Scheck noted that amendments to the standard implementing the provisions of settlement agreement in SPI v EPA have not yet been published, but noted that the Agency is required to file a monthly update with the court.

SARA

Mrs. Scheck distributed additional copies of the chart developed as a result of member company input. Mr. Ledvina offered to provide additional input gleaned from FOI requests and asked that Mrs. Scheck distribute this chart to all committee members.

Mr. Holbrook asked for a roundtable discussion on the treatment of relief valve discharges under 61.65 and the definition of "otherwise federally permitted" vis-a-vis SARA's reporting provisions to the NRC.

VI Awards

Mrs. Scheck noted that forms for the VI Environmental Recognition and Safety Performance Awards along with the nominating ballot for the Annual VI Safety Award were mailed the previous day. Mrs. Scheck noted that the OSHA calculation sheets were the same as in past years and did not reflect discussions at the March 1988 Committee Meeting concerning incorporation of contract maintenance personnel. Mr. Lippman noted the procedures his company follows in dealing with and assigning responsibility for contract employees. Following a lengthy discussion on appropriate amendments to the Safety Award calculation to assure fair and equitable comparisons that would satisfy the varying practices and legal views of VI member companies, it was decided that the issue would be discussed at the Committee's next meeting.

ADSTR

Mr. Borrelli inquired as to the interest of VI involvement in providing comments on the second 25 draft toxicological profiles released by the Agency For Toxic Substances and Disease Registry and EPA. It was the consensus of the group that companies should provide appropriate input to the CMA (see attached memo on subject).

OHEIC

Mrs. Scheck inquired whether any member of the Committee wishes to serve as a VI representative to the SPI Occupational Health Environmental Issues Committee. Members commented that they would be willing to participate on special task forces/projects of OHEIC and suggested that Mrs. Scheck attend the next meeting of the committee and provide some recommendations following that meeting.

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Next Meeting

The next meeting is scheduled for May 8th in conjunction with the VI Annual Meeting, unless the Chairman decides that an earlier meeting is necessary. Following the May meeting, it was suggested that tentatively the next meeting would be during the last week of September.

May 8th Agenda

In summary, it was agreed that the agenda for the May 8th committee meeting would include:

1. Update on measurement of fugitive emissions, with presentations by Vista and Borden.
2. Review of criteria presently used in computing VI Safety Performance Awards and discussion of appropriate changes to those criteria.
3. Update on labeling.

There being no other business, the meeting adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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