

**Conference Call Summary
Benzene Health Research Consortium
July 2, 2001**

Participants:

Patrick Beatty	Chevron
Carol Fairbrother	ExxonMobil Corporation
Stuart Cagen	Shell Chemical
Patsy Clegg	Shell Chemical
John Wagner	API
George Woodall	API

Update on Company Positions

- Chevron – committed to 2 shares, possibly up to \$3M. Commitment letter received on July 3, 2001.
- Shell – committed to a maximum contribution of \$3M (2 shares) as stated in their letter.
- ExxonMobil – commitment for up to \$5M. Commitment letter needed.
- BP – has indicated a full commitment. John Manzoni (Regional President, Eastern United States) is urging that API consider placing at least a part of the project on the dues budget beginning in 2002, but this was not indicated as being a condition for their participation (telephone communication with Chris Roythorne on June 29, 2001).
- Conoco – Letter received indicates one share with assumption of 14 total shares.
- Marathon Ashland Petroleum – Not on the call. No indication of any change in their position.
- Citgo – (from communications with Chevron) would be in for 2 shares if they commit, which is a very strong possibility.
- Phillips – (from communications with Chevron) is still considering a commitment.
- Valero – contacts and discussions with Chevron look promising for a later commitment.

Next Steps in Consortium Formation

- The five core companies need to identify a representative for the Executive Oversight Committee for the consortium. These representatives need to convene a one-day meeting to ratify the terms of membership. Discussions will also include consortium structure and an invoicing schedule. This meeting will most likely take place at API Headquarters in Washington, DC during for the following time periods:
 - July 12 or 13
 - Week of July 16
 - July 23, 26 or 27
- Member companies will also need to identify a representative for the Technical Review Committee. A meeting is planned for these representatives for July 24th in Chicago (tentatively at the Westin O'Hare Hotel near the airport). This date was chosen so that the committee could meet prior to a meeting on the 25th of the external

review for the protocols (same location) and representatives could then be given the opportunity to attend that meeting and observe the proceedings. A teleconference line will be made available for the meeting on the 24th.

External Peer Review

- Meeting of the external peer review group will be held in Chicago on July 25, 2001.
- This will provide an outside group of experts to comment on the scientific validity of the project. The researchers will be given an opportunity to present an overview of the protocols prior to a discussion period in which the reviewers will ask questions regarding the protocols.
- The members of the Technical Review Committee will be allowed to attend, mostly as observers and as a technical resource if specific questions arise, but will otherwise have limited participation. This limitation is being imposed to ensure objectivity and independence in the activities of this group.
- The members of the external peer review group will likely form the nucleus of the Independent Scientific Review Board for the project.

Action Items

1. All relevant prior documents (protocols, earlier external peer reviews, etc.) will be made available on the members-only web site.
2. Member companies will need to identify representatives for the Executive Oversight Committee as soon as possible. A meeting to constitute the consortium will need to take place as early as convenient (see notes on Consortium Formation).
3. Member companies should also name representatives to serve on the Technical Review and Communications committees.