

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Vinyl Chloride Health Committee

Record of Meeting

Date: October 7, 1994
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
Place: M Street
CMA Offices
Washington, D.C.

List of Attendees:

James Barter	PPG Industries
Ed Beeler	GEON
Mark Gruenwald	Borden
James Knaak	Occidental Chemical
Patrick Logue	Georgia Gulf
David Penney	Vista Chemical
David Pun	Formosa Plastics
Jonathan Ramlow	Dow Chemical
Has Shah	CMA

- 1.0 The Committee approved the September 9, 1994 Record of Conference Call as written.
- 2.0 The Committee discussed the three proposals that CMA received to update the CMA-sponsored 1942-1982 vinyl chloride epidemiology study. The New York University Medical Center proposal was rejected because of the unacceptable duration (4 years) of the study and the high cost (approximately \$1.5 million). The Committee considered the remaining two proposals (Applied Epidemiology, Inc., and Applied Health Sciences) as technically acceptable. Based on overall technical merit of the proposal, the Committee preferred AEI. However, the AEI proposal contained certain tasks (consultants and a third Expert Advisory Panel member) that the Committee did not view as essential to the study. The Committee felt that the project should be completed in 24 months rather than 29 months as proposed by AEI. Jonathan Ramlow will follow-up with Kenneth Mundt of AEI to discuss these tasks and the time-line. A revised administrative proposal will be requested from AEI if AEI agrees with the changes.

Dr. Ramlow and Has Shah will visit AEI to meet with the project staff and receive a demonstration of the ProQuest software program used by AEI for epidemiology study information management.