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VCM and PVC PRODUCERS GROUP

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Washington, D.C.

December 6, 1974
10:00 A.M.

Attendees:

Raymond Abramowitz, Hooker Chemicals & Plastics, River Rd., Box 456, Burlington, NJ 08016
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Edward R. Adwon, Continental Oil Co., High Ridge Park, Stamford, Conn. 06904
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Bertram M. Cohen, Great American Chemical Co., 650 Water St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
Howard E. Everson, Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., 1100 Superior Ave., Cleveland, OH 44114
H. J. Fast, B.F. Goodrich, 500 South Main St., Akron, OH 44318
Joe Fath, Tenneco Chemicals, P.O. Box 2, Turner Place, Piscataway, NJ 08854
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John C. Floros, Great American Chemical Corp., 650 Water St., Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
John M. Gilmore, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co, 5408 Baker Ave., Niagra Falls, NY
Joseph E. Hadley, Keller & Heckman, 1150 17th St., N.W., Washington, DC 20036
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Peter M. Phillipes, Covington & Burling (for Stauffer), 888 16th St., NW., Washington, DC 20006

Attendees (Cont'd):

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Milton J. Rhoad, Goodyear Tire, 1144 E. Market St., Akron, OH 44316
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1 - Mr. Joe Fath as Acting Chairman opened the meeting at 10:15 with a brief review of the meeting agenda.

2 - Mr. Heckman reviewed the various key events since the meeting of October 11 citing the dates of filing the petition for a stay of the Standard with OSHA on November 5 and with the Second Circuit Court on December 3. He indicated that the Court has scheduled the oral arguments for 10:30 A.M. on Friday, December 13. The hearing will be in room 1705 at the U.S. Court House, Foley Square, New York. The panel of judges will be: District Judge Duffy, District Judge Bryan and Former Justice of the Supreme Court Thomas C. Clark.

Argumants for industry will be presented by Allan Topol, Jerome Heckman, and the Counsel for Firestone.

3 - Mr. Lane presented the Public Affairs Proposal that had been reviewed and recommended by the Steering Committee (copy attached). He pointed out that a fourth objective will be added to the program to emphasize the differentiation between vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride.

Comments were made with respect to correcting the information on community cases of angiosarcoma in Connecticut and Niagara Falls areas. Mr. John Gilmore (Goodyear Tire) will supply press references on the Niagara Falls case.

The PR budget of $102,000 for the period through April 30, 1975 was approved by unanimous vote.

4 - Mr. Heckman reviewed activities at FDA where the latest reports seem to indicate they are thinking of a regulation that would restrict single service food grade PVC to less than 5 mils with 1 ppm residual VCM. Multiple use service would require 10 ppm or less residual VCM.

Mr. Heckman urged direct contacts with FDA. He suggested contacting:

Messrs: William Randolph (Deputy Associate Commissioner for Compliance), Dr. Schaftner, Richard Ronk and Gerad McCorwin.

5 - Mr. Fath pointed out that EPA was active in developing background data for issuing a Standard that may go into effect as early as June 1975. He indicated that the EPA Committee was in the process of following up on EPA's reports of September 30 and October 15.

Mr. Allan Topol summarized the alternatives of EPA's basing its standard on Section 112 (calls for identification of hazard or lack of hazard) or Section 111 that calls for the consideration of cost and technologic feasibility.

The EPA Committee was directed to pull in legal counsel to develop appropriate comments to EPA on its preliminary reports.

Direct contacts with EPA by company members were urged to correct specific errors that are found in EPA reports.

6 - The financial status of the VCM and PVC Producers Group as of 12/6/74 (copy attached) was reviewed by Mr. Harding. He reported that the Steering Committee had reviewed this report and recommended an added assessment of $225,000 be made to cover anticipated expenses through April 1975. This will be budgeted as follows:

	Added Budget Through 4/30/75
Legal	$ 95,000
Public Relations	102,000
Contingency	28,000
Total	$225,000

This assessment was approved with a unanimous vote.

7 - Dr. Ross Adams reported on his visit to the University of North Carolina's Dr. Greenberg to discuss biostatistics work on VCM. He concluded that Dr. Greenberg's group appears to be the best equipped group to do this work. He recommended that a feasibility study to establish the scope, cost, and benefits of a complete analysis be conducted to establish threshold limits and other factors relating to the hazard of human exposure to VCM. He estimated that the feasibility study could be done for approximately $10,000 in about a 3 month period.

Mr. Reynolds moved (unidentified second) that such a feasibility study should be conducted. The motion received unanimous approval. Dr. Adams will contact Dr. Greenberg for his specific proposal.

Mr. Rhoad urged that after this feasibility study that MCA be urged to pick up the long term program.

8 - The meeting was adjourned at 12:15 followed by a lunch for the entire group.

Respectfully submitted,

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