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Subject: RE: Benzene Shanghai outreach

Stuart:

thanks for co-ordinating this. the bz issue is relatively quiet at this time in Canada. as you know, we have 3 main sets of issues here relating to bz: a) the provincial occupational health/OEL aspect; b) the federal focus on public/environmental health; and c) provincial air quality stds.

for a): OELs are based here on either the TLV or via a provincially-developed process, so for bz they range from 0.5 to 1.0 ppm across the country, and there is no active pressure to change them at this time. so i would prefer not to do anything about this aspect just now.

for b): the federal focus is of importance, because concerns about bz translate into product specs and national emission redn strategies etc. i would propose we set up a formal half day presentation with Health Canada in Ottawa, and invite a few other agencies/scientists to the session. the lead person would be Bette Meek (who manages the Priority Substances program in Health Can). Environment Canada personnel would be important (in Canada, the issue of "environmental health" is managed jointly by both these depts), and i can imagine inviting leading scientists like Dan Krewski too. let me know if and when the outreach program will start: it would be "proper" for either Shell, ExxonMobil or a Canadian industry association (CPPI) to initiate the process

for c): i would prefer to make any required presentations on this subject as a response to a new regulatory initiative (ie modify/create an AQ std for bz). i suspect such initiatives may start in Ontario and Alberta in the next year...if so: we will organize some form of presentation from you or the outreach team at that time

in addition, we need to inform the Canadian industry association with interest in bz, ie the upstream and downstream petroleum groups (CAPP and CPPI), and the chemical producers (CCPA). i suspect we should arrange this just before a presentation with the feds; maybe the previous day? i agree we should not discuss the bz issue at this time with Canadian NGOs.

hope this helps

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