



CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

September 2, 1986

Dear Vinyl Chloride Panel Members:

I hope by now you would have reviewed the draft report on Epidemiologic Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers. Some of the Panel companies have raised concern regarding emphysema as a cause of death and consider this as a new finding reportable to the EPA under Section 8 of the Toxic Substances Control Act. If the Panel members agree, CMA could relieve each of the companies of their potential obligations by filing the finding with the Agency as "For Your Information." If the Panel decision, decided by a majority of votes received, is to file the findings with the Agency, CMA would prepare a short paragraph on this finding while the draft report is being finalized. Only the final report approved by the Panel will be filed with Government agencies.

Please complete the enclosed ballot with respect to a proposed submission to the EPA and send it to me by Express Mail. The deadline for receiving your completed ballot is September 9, 1986. Please call me at 202-887 1192 if you need additional information.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Has Shah, Ph.D
Manager, Vinyl Chloride Program

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P.S. Please send me your comments on the draft report by this Friday at the latest, so that I can discuss them with EHA staff on Monday.

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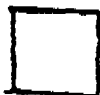


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BALLOT



My company has reviewed the draft report on Epidemiologic Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers and recommends that CMA file with EPA findings related to emphysema. I understand that only the finding and not the draft report will be filed with EPA.



My company has reviewed the draft report on Epidemiology Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers and would like to further confirm the emphysema finding prior to submission of that information to EPA.

Name

Signed

Name Gregory G. Bond

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Company THE DOW CHEMICAL COMPANY

P.S. Please return your ballot by September 9, 1986

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