

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Vinyl Chloride Health Committee
Record of Conference Call

DATE: July 31, 1996
TIME: 10:00 a.m. EDT

List of Participants:

Ed Beeler	The GEON Company
Mark Gruenwald	Borden Chemicals and Plastics
Jim Knaack	Occidental Chemical Corporation
Caffey Norman (p/t)	Patton Boggs, LLP
David Penney	CONDEA Vista Company
David Pun	Formosa Plastics
Jonathan Ramlow (p/t)	The Dow Chemical Company
Jay Strange	Georgia Gulf Corporation
Has Shah	CMA
Robert Venezia	CMA

1.0 Approval of May 9, 1996 Record of Conference Call

The record was approved as written.

2.0 Update on the Developmental and Reproductive Toxicity Studies

2.1 Status of the MOU with ATSDR

Robert Venezia reported that the MOU has been signed by both CMA and ATSDR.

2.2 Update on the Shipment of Vinyl Chloride to Huntingdon Life Sciences

Dr. Venezia reported that Ed Beeler and Dennis O'Keefe of the GEON Company have been handling the shipping logistics. They anticipate delivery of the vinyl chloride to Huntingdon by the end of August. The Panel approved up to \$10,000 to be paid to the GEON Company for the cost associated with the shipment of vinyl chloride to Huntingdon Laboratories. The Panel agreed that a letter of thanks should be sent to Ed Beeler and Dennis O'Keefe their efforts at coordinating this aspect of the research. Dr. Venezia will send the letter on behalf of the Panel.

2.3 Update on the Molecular Carcinogenesis Satellite Study

Dr. Venezia reported that Huntingdon's initial cost estimate for the satellite studies was more than anticipated. Dr. Venezia and Has Shah

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of four chemicals to be studied. The Panel approved ILSI's formal request for \$10,000 for partial funding of the project.

6.0 Update on EPA's IRIS Pilot Project

6.1 Discussion of Course of Action on the CHEMRisk Proposal to Update IRIS for Vinyl Chloride

Dr. Venezia reported that EPA is interested in input from industry only during the external peer review phase of the IRIS Pilot Project. EPA will not guarantee attention to information submitted before that time. In light of this, the Panel reviewed CHEMRisk's proposal and decided against funding. Dr. Venezia will contact EPA to determine the timetable and format for the external peer review phase.

7.0 Discussion of ATSDR's Guidance for Establishing Minimal Risk Levels for Vinyl Chloride

Jim Knaack reported that ATSDR is arranging a computational workshop on the MRLs. No date for the workshop has been announced yet. The Panel agreed that the MRL guidance warrants the consideration of outside expertise if necessary to develop an appropriate response. Jim Knaack will examine the MRL guidance before the ATSDR workshop.

8.0 Discussion of a Petition for Revision of EPA's "Reportable Quantity" for Vinyl Chloride

Jim Knaack reported that the Vinyl Institute may also be interested in this issue. Dr. Venezia will examine the original Reportable Quantity rulemaking to determine if it was set by policy or by assigning a default value.

9.0 Schedule Next Meeting or Conference Call

Dr. Venezia will fax conference call scheduling forms.

Robert A. Venezia, Dr.P.H.
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