

MCA INTEROFFICE MEMO

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Mr. Robert A. Roland

Subject: Continuation of Research Program at the School of Medicine,
University of Louisville

The Technical Panel on Vinyl Chloride Research recommends continuation of the multi-component research program on "Research Techniques and Methods of Detection and Prevention of Carcinogenesis in Industrial Workers" at the School of Medicine, University of Louisville for the third year. The total budget includes \$287,784 for research and \$20,000 for administration. Sixteen companies (see attached) have committed support for continuation of this research.

Objectives of the research are the design of methods for early detection, prevention, diagnosis and treatment of those individuals exposed to potentially toxic chemicals with the aim of preventing any serious injury, precancerous lesions, or the development of cancer either on a short- or long-term basis. The program is designed to identify at the earliest possible time, potentially harmful chemicals and to lead to a reduction in their exposure based on objective chemical data.

It is the opinion of the Panel members that if this overall program is to yield optimum results it is important that it be continued.

The staff concurs with the recommendation subject to funds becoming available.

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Sixteen Companies Committed for Support

Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
CertainTeed Corporation
Continental Oil Company
Diamond Shamrock Corporation
The Dow Chemical Company
Ethyl Corporation
The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company
The General Tire & Rubber Company,
Chemicals/Plastics Division
The BFGoodrich Company,
Chemical Division
Great American Chemical Corporation
Hooker Chemical Company
The Pantasote Company of New York, Inc.
PPG Industries, Inc.
Shell Oil Company
Stauffer Chemical Company
Union Carbide Corporation

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