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Vinyl chloride

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Dr. T. R. Torkelson, Chairman
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Dear Tork:

The draft of the Epidemiological Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers Final Report prepared by Equitable Environmental Health, Inc. has been reviewed by Shell. We offer the following comments:

1. Since Section VIII Discussion and Section IX Summary&Conclusions will probably be read and quoted more often than the body of the report and since both sections mention lung cancer, we recommend that a statement about the absence of workers' smoking histories and the influence smoking might have on workers' health be included on page 21 and again on page 22.
2. A possible source of bias is indicated in the last sentence of the second paragraph on page 4, Section B.
3. The follow-up study, Section B, page 5, is a very good one.

Your suggestion to have the research coordinators discuss the draft of the report by telephone is acceptable and should expedite distribution of the final report.

Sincerely,

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