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21. Vinyl Chloride Safety Association Status/Review ~ Glen Schaaf: BFG

The Safety Association now has 46 member companies consisting of 25 U.S. companies, 21 other companies.

This year three new members joined: OMAR (IRAQ), SOLVAY (Norway), Tallyrand (New Bedford, Mass.)

History

The VCM SA was organized in 1970 recognizing a need to reduce the number of accidents, and build on a number of meetings convened after major accidents such as the Thompson disaster.

The initial objectives were:

1. To exchange information on hazards and accidents involving VCM.
 2. To disseminate information as safe handling and use of VCM.
 3. To organize meetings to discuss these topics.
- During the 1970's, 18 meetings were held. In the middle of this period the group became involved in OSHA and EPA issues and meetings were held every six months. The frequency has since been reduced to once per year.
 - In 1970, there were 23 members, now 46. Six of the original companies have left the field.
 - The organization has been successful because of dedicated people and the support of their companies.
 - The meetings have played a major role in accident prevention.

Organizational Structure

The Executive Committee consists of Chairman, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer, and Program Chairman.

All except the Secretary and Treasurer are elected annually.

Membership is open to manufacturers and users of VCM only.