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WASHINGTON, D. C. -- A group of chemical companies that handle vinyl chloride monomer is sponsoring a survey program to document the health experience of present and former employees who have worked with that material. The Manufacturing Chemists Association (MCA) is administering the study, which is being conducted by Tabershaw-Cooper Associates, Inc. of Berkeley, Calif.

This study complements a concurrent MCA project at Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories, Inc., in which the effects on laboratory animals of long-term exposures to vinyl chloride vapors are being evaluated. Both programs are designed to provide additional scientific information on which to base safeguards to protect employee health.

Expected to be completed by early 1974, the epidemiology project represents another phase of industry's efforts to secure the kinds of data needed by the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health with respect to various industrial chemicals, including vinyl chloride. The major use of vinyl chloride, produced in substantial tonnage, is for the manufacture of plastics.

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MEDICAL
DEPARTMENT

To: TECHNICAL TASK GROUP ON VINYL CHLORIDE RESEARCH

Subject: Meeting of the Task Group on Wednesday,
July 11, 1973

Gentlemen:

Your Chairman has asked that the Task Group be convened at 10:00 AM, Wednesday, July 11, in MCA's Conference Room, to consider the matters noted in the attached agenda. You will be particularly interested in hearing the report from the highly successful conference of the MCA delegation with the representatives of the European producers on June 15.

A return form is enclosed for your convenience in letting us know of your intention to attend and/or send an alternate.

Sincerely,

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Attachments

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Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research
AGENDA FOR MEETING

MCA Conference Room

Washington, D. C.

10:00 AM

Wednesday

July 11, 1973

1. Minutes of the Meetings of April 4, 1973 and May 21, 1973
2. Report on Brussels conference of June 15, 1973 -- V. K. Rowe
3. Discussion of Industry Presentation to NIOSH
4. Status Report on Epidemiology Survey
5. Status Report on Industrial BIO-TEST Project
6. Discussion of Proposed Research Extensions
 - a. feeding studies
 - b. metabolism studies
7. New Business

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