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One of the companies sponsoring the studies on vinyl chloride received the following information in response to an inquiry "on the various studies of vinyl chloride (VCM) being conducted as recommended by the Vinyl Chloride Task Force."

The Office of Toxic Substances has completed the preliminary investigation for EPA's epidemiology study, which will be started soon. In EPA, the Office of Research and Development's Health Research Laboratory in Cincinnati, Ohio, 45268, is sponsoring a study: "Toxicological Investigation of Vinyl Chloride with Relevance to Non-Worker Populations, with Emphasis on Transplacental Carcinogenesis and Co-factors" (Contract #68-03-2148, Project Officer, Dr. Jerry Stara). No data have yet been derived. Another study, "Sampling of Automobile Interiors for Vinyl Chloride" (Contract #68-02-1404, Task 1, Project Officer, Dave Benny), is now underway, being sponsored by the Control Systems Laboratory, ORD, EPA, Research Triangle Park, N.C., 27711.

Several studies are being sponsored by other agencies. You should contact them for specifics: Consumer Product Safety Commission, 7315 Wisconsin Avenue, Washington, DC, 20014 (Contract #72-2084, Project Officer, Dr. Robert Hehir).

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, Research Triangle Park, NC, 27711 (Contract #210-75-0051, Project Officer, Dr. James J. Woods).

The Center for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia, 30333, is analyzing 300 reported cases of hepatic angiosarcoma, to determine all possible correlations. Dr. Henry Falk is managing this study.

Please attach a copy of this letter with your next mailing to the sponsoring companies.

Sincerely,

  
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