

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Vinyl Chloride Panel
Research Coordinators
Record of Meeting

DATE: February 14, 1994
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

List of Participants:

James Barter	PPG
Ed Beeler	GEON
Greg Bond	Dow Chemical
Frank Borrelli	Georgia Gulf
Mark Gruenwald	Borden
Dave Penney	Vista

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- 1.0 The Panel approved the December 9, 1993 Record of Conference Call as written.
- 2.0 The Panel reviewed the February 10, 1994 response from ENSR to the Panel's December 3, 1993 letter with questions regarding the data from the previous studies on vinyl chloride workers conducted for CMA. Greg Bond reported that the data from these studies by the Environmental Health Associates are available to ENSR for a potential update of the epidemiology study. The data are stored off-site, but can be retrieved at a cost. If the Panel updates the study, permission from non-participating companies to update the mortality experience of their workers will be necessary.
- 3.0 The Panel discussed the possibility of updating the epidemiology study. Company representatives at the meeting agreed that it would be beneficial to update the study. The additional 10 years of data may help resolve the issue of other causes of deaths in addition to liver angiosarcomas related to vinyl chloride exposure. The updated findings also would aid in risk management. Dr. Bond will draft a scope of work and a benefits document to support the need to update the study and send these items to Dr. Shah for distribution to the Panel. Dr. Bond also will identify three contractors, in addition to ENSR, who have the ability to perform the update. Once a scope of work is established, Dr. Shah will arrange a conference call in late April to discuss the study update. Dr. Shah will attempt to contact Union Carbide Corporation and Westlake to see if these two companies would consider contributing to the study update. Commitment forms will be distributed following receipt of bids from contractors and agreement of a cost-sharing formula.

- 4.0 The Panel discussed the possibility of conducting research on a post 1972 cohort. A work group will be formed on the next conference call to determine the feasibility of such a study and identify parameters to be included in such a study, if undertaken.
- 5.0 The next conference call will be arranged for late April.
- 6.0 The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:00 p.m.

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Subject to Approval