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Detroit Air Pollution and  
Health Study

December 14, 1954

In your absence, I attended a meeting of industry representatives called by the Board of Commerce on November 10. A copy of the minutes and attendance list, just now received, is attached hereto, together with information about the National Sanitation Foundation.

Next month, this Foundation will solicit industry support for a 3-year program of investigation at \$300,000 per year.

You will recall that we are no longer committed to support any particular study in this field. However, we should presumably go along with other local industry in any worthwhile community effort. There is a good deal of feeling that industry would be well advised to get some reliable technical data on air pollution and its effects in this area, in anticipation of future problems.



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December 10, 1954

NATIONAL SANITATION FOUNDATION PROGRAM

The National Sanitation Foundation will get its Detroit program under way early in 1955. The request for support will be made sometime in January. You will receive a copy of any material that is sent to the principal executive of your firm.

Mailings of the minutes of our last meeting have been held until material relative to the Foundation's program was available. A delay at the printer's has made it impossible to give you the brochure which will accompany the request for financial assistance. We are substituting, therefore, a News Release which covers some of the pertinent facts about the Foundation's program.

If you have any questions don't hesitate to call our office. We will keep you advised of any new developments.

Sincerely,

*Gerald E. Warren*

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Staff Executive

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# MINUTES

## Detroit Board of Commerce

### AIR POLLUTION GROUP

Directors Room  
Detroit Board of Commerce

2:00 P.M.

Wednesday  
November 10, 1954

Those in attendance were:

C. D. Arnett, Revere Copper & Brass Company  
H. A. Beatty, Ethyl Corporation, Ferndale  
G. L. Burnside, Ford Motor Company, Dearborn  
W. A. Carter )  
C. D. Whiddon ) The Detroit Edison Company  
William R. Fraser, Michigan Consolidated Gas Company  
Dr. W. G. Fredrick, National Sanitation Foundation, Ann Arbor  
Dr. G. C. Harrold, Consultant, 903 Lincoln, Royal Oak  
W. S. Hornbeck, American Agricultural Chemical Company  
John F. Hunter, Wyandotte Chemicals Corporation, Wyandotte  
H. William Klare, Whittier Hotel, 415 Burns Drive  
H. E. McCarl, United States Rubber Company  
F. A. Patty )  
W. N. Witheridge ) General Motors Corporation  
Thomas D. Sidwell, Timken-Detroit Axle Division  
F. M. Tousley ) Chrysler Corporation  
J. vonRosen )  
Gerald E. Warren, SECRETARY

Staff member present was:

Douglas H. Mueller

The Secretary opened the meeting and explained the past history of the International Air Pollution Study proposed last year by the United States Public Health Service, the Michigan State Health Department and the City of Detroit. Industry has been asked to support the air-sampling stations as their contribution toward the area-wide Health Study. Industry formally declined this invitation to participate in October, 1953. Since that time the City of Detroit has carried on a pilot program considerably reduced in scope.

The National Sanitation Foundation has evidenced an interest in sponsoring a program which would study problems of an environmental health nature in the Detroit area. One of the projects considered to be important was a study similar to the one advanced originally by the governmental agencies. Inasmuch as funds have not been made available to the public agencies to carry out this study, it was thought the National Foundation could solicit funds adequate to implement the program.

Mr. Warren introduced Dr. William G. Fredrick and H. William Klare, Trustees of the National Sanitation Foundation. Dr. Fredrick reviewed the National Sanitation Foundation's interest in conducting such a study in cooperation with the various public agencies concerned. He indicated that Mayor Cobo had shown considerable interest in the study and has offered the National Sanitation Foundation quarters at Herman Kiefer Hospital. He then gave a tentative program of what such a study would cost over a three-year period. He emphasized that this was to be a privately financed study although there would be a close liaison built up between industry and

public agencies on the various projects studied. The National Sanitation Foundation is a non-profit organization set up to do research for industry groups on problems related to public health. It will concern itself with problems in the Detroit area.

There were a number of questions asked of Dr. Fredrick and Mr. Warren with respect to the type of study, the relationship to public agencies, and other pertinent matters relative to the National Sanitation Foundation's program. Mr. Warren agreed to send a copy of the letter from the National Sanitation Foundation asking support of their program to the principal executives of over 200 Detroit industrial concerns. Other material related to the Foundation's program will also be sent to the Air Pollution Group.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:45 P.M.

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