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Objet: CTFA Conference Call Minutes

- > Talc Interested Party Conference Call Minutes
- > October 16, 2000
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- > Present for the Call:
- > Mike Chudkowski - Johnson & Johnson
- > Bill Ashton - Johnson & Johnson
- > John Hopkins - Johnson & Johnson (consultant)
- > Bill Dressler - Clairol
- > Rich Zazenski - Luzenac
- > Gabriela Adam-Rodwell - Mary Kay
- > Charlie Sewall - Procter & Gamble
- > John Kelse - RT Vanderbilt
- > Linda Loretz - CTFA
- > Jerry McEwen - CTFA
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- > This conference call was scheduled to discuss how to address the NTP draft
- > background document conclusion that non-asbestiform talc is "reasonably
- > anticipated to be a human carcinogen" for purposes of listing in the 10th
- > Report on Carcinogens.
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- > CTFA has received bids for two projects to address the Talc issue. The
- > first is for a crisis management plan (Nichols-Dezenhall), and the second
- > is for The Weinberg Group to manage epidemiology reviews, including
- > arranging for a speaker(s) at the Board of Scientific Counselors meeting
- > in December. The total cost for both projects will be ~\$150,000. The
- > process can start once enough financial support has been committed.
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- > While the ovarian epidemiology is the issue of greatest concern in the
- > draft document, the NTP inhalation study is not entirely dismissed.
- > Possible reviewers to address the inhalation issue might be Dr.
- > Oberdorster, Dr. Jay Goodman or Dr. Al Wehner. It was noted that NTP
- > itself had concluded that the study results reflected lung overload, and
- > had raised the question of human relevance. A recent (2000) publication
- > in Inhalation Toxicology reported the results of an ILSI Workshop which
- > reached the same conclusion.
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- > JKelse reported that RT Vanderbilt would be preparing a defense of Talc
- > (containing asbestiform fibers) which would include reviews of both
- > epidemiology and animal studies. It was agreed that CTFA and RT
- > Vanderbilt should keep each other informed to make sure there are no
- > inconsistencies and that the same reviewers are not being used.
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- > It was noted that, if non-asbestiform talc is listed in the RoC, the
- > consequences could depend significantly on how it is listed (i.e., loose
- > powder only, and restricted to use in the perineal area, would be much
- > preferable to a listing without qualifiers).
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- > Talc Task Force members are asked to work with their management to get
- > funding commitments ASAP. J. Kelse will contact the National Paint
- > Coatings Association to see if they will commit funds to this effort. The
- > Talc activities will also be noted in a Safety and Regulatory Toxicology
- > meeting taking place tomorrow, to see if there are additional companies
- > interested.
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- > The next steps, following commitment of the necessary funds, are:
- > - Nichols-Dezenhall will be asked to provide a proposal specifying the

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- > elements of their crisis management response. The work will be
- > coordinated with the Public Affairs people in the companies, and with
- > Irene Malbin, V.P. of Public Affairs at CTFA.
- > - The Weinberg Group will be asked to begin to organize for the project.
- > The Task Force will be asked to recommend reviewers and provide a basis
- > for the recommendations. The Weinberg Group will be asked for names of
- > their epidemiology people.
- > - The availability of additional relevant data not included in the NTP
- > draft document will be determined.
- > - MChudkowski and LLoretz will coordinate on consultant(s) to address the
- > lung issue.
- > - LLoretz will send out invoices to Task Force companies.
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- > Because written comments are due by December 1, and will require review by
- > Task Force participants, the project needs to be on a very fast track. By
- > the end of this week, the timing should be established.