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STEERING COMMITTEE
OF THE
VCM AND PVC PRODUCERS COMMITTEE

Statler Hilton
Washington, D. C.

June 4, 1974
6:30 p.m.

Attendees:

Tony Vittone, Chairman, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., 6100 Oak Tree Blvd.,
Cleveland, Ohio 44131
A. Ross Adams, Air Products & Chemicals, 2117 Valley Road, Wilmington, Delaware
William C. Becker, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., 6100 Oak Tree Blvd., Cleveland,
Ohio 44131
Harry E. Connors, Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., 1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland,
Ohio 44114
Dr. D. S. Dixler, Keller & Heckman, 1150 17th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
Joe Fath, Tenneco Chemicals Inc., P. O. Box 2, Piscataway, N. J. 08833
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Allan Topol, Covington & Burling, 888 16th Street, N. W., Washington, D. C.
P. J. Weaver, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co., 6100 Oak Tree Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio
G. J. Williams, Dow Chemical Co., 2020 Dow Center, Midland, Michigan
Thomas J. McGrath, General Manager, SPI, 250 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017

Chairman Vittone called the meeting to order. Jerry Heckman distributed a draft position paper for review. Mr. Connors pointed out that at the last OSHA Committee meeting three votes were taken. The minutes of that meeting only showed the vote on the recommended industry position. He said that he discussed this with Tom McGrath who agreed. The OSHA Committee votes were: 7 to 5 against a graduated level on a time basis; 9 out of 12 in favor of a maximum of 40 or more and 7 to 6 in favor of a 40 maximum with a 25 TWA.

After much discussion, and based on a proposal from Tenneco that we adopt an industry position of permitting a maximum exposure level for workers, without respirators, of 25 ppm accompanied by a continuous monitoring system for polymer plants, and after two years, October 1976, the standard would become a ceiling of 25 ppm with a TWA of 10 ppm; the Steering Committee approved recommending this as the industry position to the full committee. Also included in the position would be a statement that this is the best that some

companies can do, but others will not be able to meet the standard and they should avail themselves of the variance procedures. We would hope that OSHA would give them all due considerations.

For monomer plants, it is recommended that the standard be set at 10 ppm maximum by October 1974 and 5 ppm by October 1976.

Regarding the residual monomer content in the resin the Steering Committee should recommend a maximum of 500 ppm by October 1974.

The Committee recognized that we will have to get witnesses to report about the technical feasibility, medical surveillance and economic impact of the proposed permanent standard at the up-coming OSHA hearings.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas J. McGrath
General Manager

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