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Producers Group

PVC SAFETY GROUP

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10:00 A.M.

The Hyatt Regency Hotel
Washington, D.C.

SUMMARY:

The new Bylaws for the PVC Safety Committee were approved and adopted.

The nominating committee naming D. C. Ruschlerlein as Chairman for the Committee starting June 1 was accepted and approved.

It is expected that the EPA/EDF suit will be dismissed from the court and that proposals to modify the vinyl chloride Standard will be issued there after.

Reports on the activities of the Health, Fire Safety and Communications Committee were presented.

The treasurer recommended that an assessment of \$100,000 be made for the period through May 31 and \$250,000 be made for the first six months of the fiscal year starting June 1.

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- 1 - Chairman Adams opened the meeting by requesting that new members to the group introduce themselves.
- 2 - The new Bylaws that had previously been circulated to the committee were discussed and unanimously adopted (copy attached).
- 3 - Mr. Ray Abramowitz reported on the nominating committee's recommendations (attached) and the group voted unanimously to accept this report establishing the following officers and Steering Committee effective June 1, 1977.

Chairman	- D. C. Nuechterlein, Dow Chemical USA
Vice Chairman	- Steven W. Schaefer, Diamond Shamrock
Treasurer	- Todd C. Walker, Firestone Plastics Co.
	- F. Ritter, Tenneco
	- R. Wolber, Ethyl Corp.
	- R. W. Fortenbach, Shell
	- J. Jaglom, Pantasote
	- F. Ritter, Tenneco
	- A. Ross Adams, Air Products & Chemicals.

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- 5 - Mr. Himmelman reported the status of waivers on the VC Standard as follows:

<u>Region</u>	<u># of Applications</u>	<u>Status</u>
1	2	Approved
2	8	"
3	6	"
4	7	6 approved - 1 pending
5	6	approved
6	22	10 approved - 12 being processed
		need additional information
9	4	1 approved

He further reported that EPA indicates that waiver applications based on equivalences are going to Washington or RTP - none approved as far as known.

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- 7 - Mr. Baise reported that he had filed a Freedom of Information Act request for information that would justify change in the present Standard.
- 8 - Dr. Torkelson reported on the Health Committee's activities listing the following goals:

- . consideration of the feasibility of epidemiology studies
- . establish an accurate literature base of VC health studies and reports
- . maintaining liaison with other groups in the U.S. and Europe
- . provide support to the Communication and other Committee.
- . cooperate with Europeans in developing protocols on human exposure.

He reported that the record now shows the following count on angiosarcoma cases:

Europe	-	27	
U.S.	-	17	
Canada	-	<u>10</u>	- Total 54

9 - Fire Safety Committee

Dan Kent reported on the organization and activities of the Fire Safety Committee. In summary he indicated that the overall objective of the committee have been defined as follows:

- . Define the characteristics of PVC in fires
- . Develop information that will enable products to be marketed effectively and safely
- . Communicate information on the fire characteristics and safe use practices relating to PVC with appropriate influentials in the fire service and related fields.

He reported that the major current activity involves the program to deal with the question of non-metallic conduit being further restricted by NFPA.

10 - Communications Committee

Mr. Downey summarized the activities of the Communications Committee as reported in the April 7 Hill & Knowlton report (copy attached).

- 11 - Mr. Todd Walker reported that the audit of the committee's activities through February has been completed (copy attached). He further recommended that the committee members be assessed for \$100,000 to carry programs through May 31, 1977 and that \$250,000 assessment should be made to carry the group through the first six months of the 1977/78 fiscal year (June through November). This recommendation was voted on and approved by the full committee.
- 12 - Mr. Savage reported that the program to prevent restrictive VC/PVC legislation from passing in New Jersey has been successful. He recommended that the committee continue to cooperate with the CIC of New Jersey to be certain that the appropriate final actions are taken.
- 13 - Mr. Harding reported on the reorganization of PPI pointing out the desirability of having a strong, controlled division with a smaller but effective organization. He requested active support from PVC resins producers in this reorganization.
- 14 - The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,


John R. Lawrence
Technical Director

Attachments

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