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MESSAGE

This is to remind you that there is a VCHC Transition Group Conference Call on Monday, May 18, 1998 from 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. EDT. The Vialog Service will contact you directly for the call. Attached is an agenda, as well as other materials relating to the call. If you have any questions, please call me at 703/741-5639. Thank you.

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CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Vinyl Chloride Health Committee
Transition Task Group
Tentative Conference Call Agenda

DATE: May 18, 1998
TIME: 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m., EDT

- 1.0 Purpose of Conference Call - *W. Sherman*
- 2.0 Overview of Current VCHC Activities - *W. Sherman*
- 3.0 Review of VCHC Budget - *W. Sherman*
- 4.0 Discussion of Coverage of New Vinyl Chloride Issues - *All*
- 5.0 Summary of Recommendations to VCHC - *All*

Subject to Approval

Wendy K. Sherman
Manager
Vinyl Chloride Health Committee

May 13, 1998

**VINYL CHLORIDE HEALTH COMMITTEE
1998 ACTIVITIES TIME LINE**

PROJECT	DATE	ACTIVITY
<u>Update of Mortality Among Vinyl Chloride Workers</u> /Applied Epidemiology, Inc.	June 1, 1998	Complete sub-cohort and advanced statistical analyses.
	August 1, 1998	Prepare first complete draft of final study report and outline for journal manuscript, submit to Expert Advisory Panel and CMA for review.
	October 1, 1998	Submit final report and manuscript to CMA for approval.
<u>Vinyl Chloride Combined Inhalation Two-Generation Reproductive and Developmental Toxicity Study in CD Rats/</u> Huntingdon Life Sciences	January 1998	Final report on the developmental portion of the combined study submitted to ATSDR
	May 1998	Draft reproductive report due to CMA for review.
	May 1998	CMA comments on draft reproductive report due to Huntingdon by mid-May.
	May 1998	Respond to ATSDR and Tri-Agency Reviewers' comments on final developmental study.
	June 1998	Final reproductive study due to CMA for submission to ATSDR by July 1998 deadline.
	August 1998	Respond to ATSDR and Tri-Agency Reviewers' comments on final reproductive study.
<u>Molecular Dosimetry Studies on Vinyl Chloride/</u> University of North Carolina	To be determined	Analysis of samples has been delayed due to methodological difficulties.
<u>Brain Cancer Study/</u> University of Louisville	To be determined	VCHC accepted protocol Feb. '98. Researchers seeking add. info. from NDI prior to conducting analysis.

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ONGOING VINYL CHLORIDE HEALTH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry (ATSDR) - The Vinyl Chloride Health Committee (VCHC) signed the MOU with ATSDR in lieu of a TSCA Section 4 testing requirement. The study, which is currently being conducted, will fill a number of data gaps regarding the reproductive and developmental toxicity of vinyl chloride. The final developmental toxicity portion of the study was submitted to ATSDR in January 1998. The final reproductive study is due to ATSDR in July 1998. The VCHC intends to publish the final study.

Cost: \$700,000 Dque Piny

Update of Mortality Among Vinyl Chloride Workers - The epidemiology study is updating mortality information among vinyl chloride workers for the years 1983 through 1992. The original study and first update focused on the time periods 1942-1972 and 1973-1982, respectively. Earlier studies have shown vinyl chloride to be associated with hepatic angiosarcoma among exposed chemical workers. K. Mundt is principle investigator. The VCHC expects a final report late in 1998. K. Mundt intends to publish the final study.

Cost: \$500,000 J. Ramlow

Brain Cancer Study - The VCHC and K. Mundt are working with investigators at the University of Louisville to examine if there is a possible relationship between vinyl chloride and brain cancer among exposed chemical workers. A final report is tentatively expected late in 1998. C. Tamburro is the principle investigator at the University of Louisville.

Cost: \$150,000 \$120M from CMA J. Ramlow

Molecular Carcinogenesis Satellite Studies - The VCHC is supporting a series of studies at the University of North Carolina on the formation and repair of DNA adducts to elucidate the mechanisms of vinyl chloride carcinogenesis. J. Swenberg is the principle investigator on this project.

Cost: \$120,000+ J. B. K.

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