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Subject: FW: Shanghai Health Study - SHR-341-05-01
Attach: shr letter on benzene.ZIP

Sam concurs with the decision to submit the information to the Agency under 8(e). He will use the note below to communicate with Fran.

Patsy, I believe you made Stacy aware of the situation. Do you know if she discussed with Fran? Also, Sam wanted to know if the other members were going to be made aware of our decision - I indicated "yes" and that you were to notify. I discussed Sam's decision with Al and made sure that he would notify Mike of our decision.

-----Original Message-----

From: Hulse, Michael SCC-CHSEMH
Sent: Monday, May 09, 2005 9:04 AM
To: Smolik, Sam SCC-CHSE
Subject: Shanghai Health Study

Importance: High

On April 20, 2005, we received a draft manuscript for publication through our participation in the Shanghai Health Study that presents new information relating to benzene-induced hematopoietic (blood-related) disease. The findings from the study describe a distinct form of myelodysplastic syndrome (MDS), not previously recognized, associated with high levels of benzene exposure. MDS is associated with a tendency to evolve into acute myelogenous leukemia (AML).

Following a review of the draft manuscript, the Hazard Evaluation Group (HEG) has determined that the information is new and that the Administrator of the EPA is not fully aware of it. Pursuant to the requirements of Section 8(e), Notice of Substantial Risk, of the Toxic Substances Control Act, the HEG recommends that the Agency be notified of the information. The text of the letter that will be submitted is attached.

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