

AGENDA
MEETING OF THE MCA BOARD OF DIRECTORS
5:30 p.m., Wednesday, June 9, 1976
West Virginia Room, The Greenbrier
White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia

- I. Opening Remarks and Introduction of Guests
- II. Minutes of Meeting of May 11, 1976
- III. Business Items
 - (a) Report of the Membership Committee
Sun Chemical Corporation, Chemicals Group
 - (b) 104th Annual Meeting and Future Annual Meeting Dates
 - (c) Proposed Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal 1976-77 (Attachment)
 - (d) Appointment of Committee Members (Attachment)
- IV. Report of the President

A brief organizational meeting of the 1976-77 Board of Directors will be held immediately following the Annual Business Meeting (approximately 10:30 a.m.) on June 10 in the West Virginia Room.

Next Regular Directors' Meeting - September 14, 1976, The Madison, Washington, D. C.

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MINUTES of the two hundred fiftieth meeting of the Board of Directors of the Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc., held in the West Virginia Room, The Greenbrier, White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia, on Wednesday, June 9, 1976, at 5:30 p.m.

Directors:

Harry D. McNeeley, Chairman	
Joseph A. Neubauer, Vice Chairman	
James G. Affleck	John R. Hall
Dieter H. Ambros	John W. Hanley
Earle B. Barnes	Richard E. Heckert
E. E. Chipman	Raymond H. Marks
John S. Coey	Adolph Monsaroff
Thomas C. Dabovich	H. Barclay Morley
Edward Donley	Robert T. Powers
William J. Driver	William S. Sneath
J. Morris Evans	Harvey J. Taufen
Thomas S. Farmer	Konrad M. Weis
James C. E. Fuller	Robert J. Whitesell
Edward J. Goett	

Alternates:

Robert P. Barnett (for Edward J. Goett)
 Werner C. Brown (for Harvey J. Taufen)
 J. Earl Burrell (for Joseph A. Neubauer)
 Robert Clabault (for Robert D. Goodall)
 Howard H. Irvin (for Thomas S. Farmer)
 Edward R. Kane (for Richard E. Heckert)
 John J. Lenahan, II (for John S. Coey)
 Harold S. Mickley (for H. Barclay Morley)
 Elwood W. Phares, II (for Ralph M. Knight)
 Toy F. Reid (for Harry D. McNeeley)
 Robert K. Rigger (for Dieter H. Ambros)
 Dale J. Shimer (for J. Morris Evans)
 N. B. Sommer (for James G. Affleck)

Outside Counsel:

John H. Pickering

Staff Counsel:

Bruce M. Barackman

Secretary-Treasurer:

George E. Best

By Invitation:

William H. Bricker, Diamond Shamrock Corporation
 Albert C. Clark, MCA
 John T. Files, Merichem Company
 John M. Henske, Olin Corporation
 James W. Kent, Chevron Chemical Company
 W. C. Krumrei, The Procter & Gamble Company
 Victor H. Peterson, MCA

By Invitation:
(cont'd)

George F. Polzer, Witco Chemical Corporation
William M. Stover, MCA
Eugene J. Sullivan, Borden, Inc.
R. A. Winslow, Exxon Chemical Company

Chairman McNeeley opened the meeting by calling for self-introduction of those present in turn.

I. MINUTES OF MAY 11, 1976, MEETING

Minutes of the May 11, 1976, Board meeting, as distributed, including the financial statement for eleven months ended April 30, 1976, were approved.

II. REPORT OF SECRETARY-TREASURER

Exhibit A

III. BUSINESS ITEMS

(a) Report of Membership Committee As chairman, Mr. Hall reported the committee's having examined the qualifications of the applicant named below and recommending election.

ON MOTION, duly made and seconded,
it was

VOTED: That Sun Chemical Corporation,
Chemicals Group, be elected to membership in the Association.

(b) 104th and Future Annual Meetings Mr. Best reported an advance registration of 1068, with representation from 177 member companies.

He also reported future Annual Meetings at The Greenbrier confirmed as follows:

June 9-11, 1977
June 8-10, 1978
June 7-9, 1979
June 5-7, 1980
June 4-6, 1981

(c) Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year 1976-77
The following schedule for regular meetings of the Board, to take place in Washington beginning at 10:00 a.m. except as otherwise noted was approved:

September 14, 1976	February 8, 1977
October 12, 1976	March 8, 1977
November 22, 1976(1)	April 12, 1977 (2)
December 14, 1976	May 10, 1977
January 11, 1977	June 8, 1977 (3)

- (1) New York City - 3:00 p.m.
- (2) 3:30 p.m.
- (3) White Sulphur Springs - 5:30 p.m.

Note: By action of the new Board on June 10,
the March 8, 1977, meeting will be held
in Houston, Texas

(d) Appointment of Committee Members Appointments
were approved as listed in Exhibit B.

(e) Plastics Financial Package Allocations Mr. Driver
presented a recommendation of the Executive Committee for approval of
three projects proposed by the Plastics Committee.

ON MOTION, duly made and seconded,
it was

VOTED: That the projects described in
Exhibit C, D, and E be approved, with
funding provided by allocations under the
Plastics Financial Package aggregating
\$38,100.

(f) Equal Employment Advisory Council Mr. Driver pre-
sented a recommendation of the Executive Committee for approval of a con-
tribution in support of this organization being formed to identify significant
principles involved in judicial and administrative disposition of equal
employment opportunity issues and to assist in expert preparation and pre-
sentation of industry views. Such support was proposed by the Industrial
Relations Advisory Committee.

ON MOTION, duly made and seconded,
it was

VOTED: That the budget be amended to
provide a contribution of \$5,000 to the
Equal Employment Advisory Council for
1976, with further support subject to re-
view of the Council's first-year activities
and assessment of value to MCA.

IV. TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL LEGISLATION

Mr. Heckert stated H.R. 14032, which he characterized as a workable bill, was reported out of the House Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee at noon today. He emphasized the importance of making the industry's supporting position clear as the bill comes up for floor consideration, probably late in July, and in subsequent House-Senate conference.

V. SYNTHETIC ORGANIC CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION (SOCMA)

Mr. Brown suggested consideration be given to merging SOCMA into MCA, and several other Directors concurred.

VI. REPORT OF THE PRESIDENT

Mr. Driver's Staff Report is attached as Exhibit F. He referred to a tabulation of legislation of interest to MCA, giving the status as of June 4, also to "An Analysis of the Chemical Industry in View of Proposals for Deconcentration," copies of both having been distributed to those present. He identified the latter as a study commissioned by MCA, the results of which will be held for use by the Association but are available for member company use as well.

George E. Best
George E. Best
Secretary-Treasurer

Certified correct:

Harry D. McNeeley
Harry D. McNeeley
Chairman of the Board

REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-TREASURER

June 9, 1976

Dollar amounts rounded from tabular details
(\$000)

INCOME & EXPENSE			Percent of
<u>June 1, 1975 - May 31, 1976 - 12 Months (100%)</u>			<u>Budget</u>
Income - Membership Fees	\$2,748		101.402%
- Other	622		177.714%
		\$3,370	110.131%
Expense - Operations	\$2,566		104.478%
- Projects	272		75.766%
		\$2,838	100.817%

ASSETS
(As of May 31, 1976)

Cash	\$ 17	
Investments	5,326	
Miscellaneous	8	
		\$5,351

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS ASSOCIATION

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

May 31, 1976

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Cash

National Savings & Trust - Commercial Account	\$ 10,850	
National Savings & Trust - Payroll Account	6,000	
Imprest Funds	<u>800</u>	\$ 17,650

Investments

Bank Certificates of Deposit	\$ 525,000	
U. S. Government Securities	1,600,503	
U. S. Government Agency Securities	690,503	
Corporate Securities	<u>2,510,300</u>	5,326,306

Deposits & Advances

U. S. Government Printing Office	\$ 500	
American Airlines	425	
Travel Advances	1,236	
Postage Meter	<u>4,965</u>	<u>7,126</u>
		<u>\$5,351,082</u>

Liabilities & Fund Balances

Liabilities

D. C. Use Tax		\$ 174
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Reserve

Deferred Compensation		81,250
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Fund Balances

Restricted (Schedule I (e))	\$3,567,098	
Unrestricted - From Previous Fiscal Years	\$1,170,474	
- Current Fiscal Year	<u>532,086</u>	<u>1,702,560</u>
		<u>5,269,658</u>
		<u>\$5,351,082</u>

INCOME & EXPENSE

INCOME

Membership Dues & Entrance Fees		\$2,748,099
Income from Investments		327,157
Publication Sales		99,864
*(1) Meeting & Special Funds (Schedule I (d))	\$ 73,638	
Overhead Reimbursement/Subscribed Projects (Schedule I (d))	<u>121,599</u>	195,237
Miscellaneous		<u>72</u>
Total Income		<u>\$3,370,429</u>

EXPENSE

Management		\$ 670,776
Technical - General		810,045
Technical - Chemtrec		213,755
Public Relations		524,333
Government Relations		313,012
Information Service		69,957
Office Administration		<u>236,465</u>
Total Expense *(2)		<u>\$2,838,343</u>

Income less Expense \$ 532,086

FOOTNOTES:

*(1) Net Income on Completed Projects

*(2) Total General Program Expense

Fiscal Year 1975-76 Budget Program Expense (above)	\$2,838,343
Expenditures from Project Funds carried over from previous Fiscal Year (Schedule I (c))	<u>37,844</u>
	<u>\$2,876,187</u>

SCHEDULE I - RESTRICTED FUNDS & MEETING ADVANCES

May 31, 1976

	Balance June 1, 1975 (a)	Current Fiscal Year			Balance May 31, 1976 (e)
		Receipts (b)	Expenditures (c)	Transfers To Income (d)	
<u>Carry-Over of Budgeted Funds</u>					
GR-1 Economic Study	\$ 2,844	\$ -	\$ 2,844	\$ -	\$ -
Tech X-9 Economic Impact/Toxic Substances	35,000	-	35,000	-	-
Total - Carry-Over Budgeted Funds	\$ 37,844	\$ -	\$ 37,844	\$ -	\$ -
<u>Non-Budgeted Funds & Meetings</u>					
Meetings, Workshops & Symposia	\$ 81,519	\$ 267,783	\$ 190,100	\$ 72,767	\$ 86,435
Tank Car Mileage Compensation	24,348	66,338	30,138	-	60,548
TEC Audio/Visual Aids	(2,138)	3,754	745	871	-
CPC Audio/Visual Aids	(28)	28	-	-	-
Vinyl Chloride Research - Inhalation	114,282	595	48,692	3,415	62,770
Vinyl Chloride Research - Epidemiological	56,458	684	33,764	2,808	20,570
Vinyl Chloride Research - Dow Studies	178,603	1,785	154,090	3,018	23,280
Vinylidene Chloride Monomer - Research	504,547	148,000	397,996	7,466	247,085
Styrene Monomer - Research	255,494	105,587	180,297	1,844	178,940
Acrylonitrile Monomer Research	-	529,248	91,871	5,238	432,139
Trichloroethylene Research	-	353,625	756	5,716	347,153
Ethylene Dichloride Research	84,725	28,620	1,278	7,304	104,763
Chlorobenzenes Research	-	27,500	15,972	1,668	9,860
Phosgene Safety Research	68,478	71,020	48,059	9,741	81,698
Fluorocarbons Research	677,847	1,886,275	989,213	69,833	1,505,076
Allyl Chloride Research	-	120,120	26	1,400	118,694
Epichlorohydrin Research	-	128,700	26	1,400	127,274
Phthalate Esters Research	9,766	49,000	26,201	748	31,817
Loss Data Bank Project	4,434	2,286	2,107	-	4,613
Patents Monitor	243	(243)	-	-	-
Chemical Industry Trade Advisor	2,278	37,000	33,437	-	5,841
Total - Non-Budgeted Funds & Meetings	\$2,060,856	\$3,827,705	\$2,244,768	\$ 195,237	\$3,448,556
<u>Plastics Group Financial Package</u>					
	\$ 85,924	\$ 59,286	\$ 26,668	\$ -	\$ 118,542
Total	\$2,146,780	\$3,886,991	\$2,309,280	\$ 195,237	\$3,567,098

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SCHEDULE 11 - EXPENSE

BUDGET PROGRAM

May 31, 1976

	MANAGEMENT		TECHNICAL				PUBLIC RELATIONS		GOV'T RELATIONS		INFO SERVICE		OFFICE ADMIN		TOTAL TO DATE	
			GENERAL		CHEMTRIC										12 MONTHS	
	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET	EXPENSE	BUDGET
Employees (Actual Authorized	12	12	21	21	7	7	12	12	10	9	2	3	12	11	78	75
OPERATING EXPENSE																
Salaries & Related Expense	\$292,039	\$312,400	\$453,118	\$425,300	\$118,495	\$119,050	\$218,835	\$220,050	\$172,893	\$175,350	\$ 49,060	\$ 56,550	\$152,452	\$131,300	\$1,456,892	\$1,440,000
Retirement Plan & Group Ins.	46,671	65,950	67,861	75,150	19,043	17,100	35,460	27,750	27,896	24,600	4,666	19,500	25,096	7,450	226,693	237,500
Hosp. Ins. & Health Plan	4,883	3,200	9,483	6,250	1,240	700	5,268	3,150	3,822	2,600	1,157	1,100	5,933	2,900	31,786	19,900
Legal Fees & Expense	244,355	130,000	-	20,000	-	-	-	-	28,228	25,000	-	-	-	-	272,583	175,000
Consultants&Investment Serv.	5,042	2,800	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5,042	2,800
Audit	2,500	2,500	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,500	2,500
Rent & Premises Expense	17,676	17,750	29,792	29,650	7,583	7,700	19,287	18,800	12,942	13,100	7,868	7,800	24,674	24,400	119,822	119,200
* (4) Taxes & Insurance	11,606	11,850	22,611	20,000	43,728	44,100	12,230	11,650	9,956	9,450	2,786	3,150	10,194	9,000	113,111	109,200
Supplies & Gen. Office Exp.	6,494	7,000	24,365	20,000	2,731	3,400	13,397	9,500	10,698	7,000	376	800	10,064	9,500	68,125	57,200
Furniture & Equipment	5,788	2,500	2,375	2,000	2,058	2,000	296	250	1,479	2,500	52	100	941	300	12,989	9,650
Printing	4,482	3,600	-	1,000	1,006	1,000	4,592	4,200	883	800	-	-	1,365	1,500	12,328	12,100
Telephone & Telegraph	6,625	6,150	16,777	13,300	15,834	21,600	8,468	8,850	8,136	6,600	1,292	1,500	5,859	5,200	62,991	63,200
Postage	3,058	3,500	24,717	23,500	436	1,000	42,643	45,000	9,672	6,500	184	800	(1,079)	1,600	79,631	81,900
Travel & Entertainment	7,824	8,000	21,126	26,000	1,162	2,000	22,539	25,000	11,295	15,000	604	1,100	719	200	65,269	77,300
Meeting Expense	7,093	12,000	255	900	-	-	95	100	4,266	5,500	-	-	-	-	11,709	18,500
Periodicals, Books, etc.	593	500	1,496	1,600	364	400	1,503	1,650	9,548	10,000	1,912	1,650	140	100	15,556	15,900
Organizational Memberships	2,586	2,800	2,182	2,600	75	100	992	1,000	1,298	2,300	-	50	107	100	7,240	8,950
Contingency	1,461	5,000	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,461	5,000
Operating Expense Totals	\$670,776	\$597,500	\$676,158	\$667,250	\$213,755	\$220,150	\$385,605	\$376,950	\$313,012	\$306,300	\$ 69,957	\$ 94,100	\$236,465	\$193,550	\$2,565,728	\$2,455,800
PROJECTS																
Technical																
* (2) Air Quality			\$ -	\$ 20,100											\$ -	\$ 20,100
* (1) Occupational Health/Epidemiology Study			625	625											625	625
Trade Advisor			25,000	50,000											25,000	50,000
* (2) Water Resources			24,300	24,300											24,300	24,300
Multi-Committee/Transportation			1,408	5,400											1,408	5,400
Multi-Committee/Publications			71,995	77,000											71,995	77,000
* (3) Economic Impact/Toxic Substances Legislation			10,559	10,800											10,559	10,800
Public Relations																
Community Relations							\$ 21,397	21,300							21,397	21,300
* (5) Consumer Information							32,674	32,000							32,674	32,000
Environmental Quality							27,657	44,700							27,657	44,700
* (5) Internal Publications							15,388	25,000							15,388	25,000
Media Relations							4,628	9,800							4,628	9,800
College & Hi School Teacher Awards							12,795	14,300							12,795	14,300
Education Exhibits							4,009	4,000							4,009	4,000
Education Publications							20,180	20,000							20,180	20,000
Project Totals	\$ -	\$ -	\$133,887	\$188,225	\$ -	\$ -	\$138,728	\$171,100	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 272,615	\$ 359,325
COMBINED TOTAL	\$670,776	\$597,500	\$810,045	\$855,475	\$213,755	\$220,150	\$524,333	\$548,050	\$313,012	\$306,300	\$ 69,957	\$ 94,100	\$236,465	\$193,550	\$2,838,343	\$2,815,125

* (1) Budget Increase approved by President August 18, 1975, for "Guidelines for Epidemiology Study" \$625

* (2) Transfer of Project Funds approved by President September 16, 1975, from "Air Quality" to "Water Resources" \$4,000

* (3) Approved by President for Economic Impact/Toxic Substances Legislation presentation by consultants - budget increase October 9, 1975, \$1,900; transfers of funds from "Air Quality" December 10, 1975 \$7,000 and March 1, 1976 \$1,900, for a total of \$10,800

* (4) Budget Increase approved by Board of Directors, November 24, 1975, for Chemtrec Insurance \$21,400

* (5) Transfer of Project Funds approved by President October 1, 1975, from "Internal Publications" to "Consumer Information" \$1,000

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APPOINTMENT OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS

- (a) Engineering Advisory Committee
T. E. Cummings, Gulf Science & Technology Company
- (b) Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Chemicals Committee
J. T. Elfstrum, Stauffer Chemical Company
- (c) Government Relations Committee
Don A. Goodall, American Cyanamid Company -- As Chairman*
Jeremiah J. Kenney, Jr., Union Carbide Corporation -- As Vice Chairman*
George S. Dominguez, CIBA-GEIGY Corporation
John T. Estes, Allied Chemical Corporation
E. Hamilton Hurst, Nalco Chemical Company
James E. McEvoy, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
Thomas F. Mitchell, Georgia-Pacific Corporation
- (d) Industrial Relations Advisory Committee
Carl DeMartino, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
- (e) International Trade Committee
George O. Trabue, Jr., Eastman Chemical International Company --
As Chairman*
- (f) Legal Advisory Committee
Robert H. Bidwell, Exxon Chemical Company*
Keith W. Blinn, Continental Oil Company*
Leon C. Holt, Jr., Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.*
- (g) Plastics Committee
A. Ross Adams, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.
Robert C. Schroeder, Celanese Plastics Company
- (h) Tax Policy Committee
Theodore F. Killheffer, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
- (i) Transportation Equipment Committee
R. E. Gates, Shell Chemical Company
- (j) Water Resources Committee
T. F. Champion, NIPRO, Inc.
S. N. Robinson, Mallinckrodt, Inc.
R. J. Samelson, PPG Industries, Inc., Chemical Division
A. E. Slesinger, M&T Chemicals Inc., Subsidiary of American Can Company
R. C. Sterrett, Ashland Chemical Company, Division of Ashland Oil, Inc.

Insurance Committee

Fred W. Ingham, Union Carbide Corporation
Peter F. Lopez, Celanese Corporation
William F. Quinn, Jr., Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals Corporation
Douglas L. Truesdell, Foote Mineral Company
David D. Ward, Air Products and Chemicals, Inc.

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Proposed Allocation
under the
Plastics Financial Package
Key-Sort Decks -- Flammability Testing of Polymers

In conjunction with the research study on the "Flammability Testing of Polymers" conducted for MCA, and separate from the final report yet to be submitted, Stanford Research Institute (SRI) developed a key-sort deck -- a comprehensive catalogue of existing standard and ad hoc flammability tests -- capable of being easily revised and updated. Five sets have been prepared, three of which are on file at MCA for information and review.

Considering the key-sort deck as an excellent source of information on flammability testing, the Plastics Committee recommends that arrangements be made for the purchase of one set (not to exceed \$200 each) for each company participating in support of the Plastics Group studies. The total cost of \$11,600 would be provided from the budgeted unallocated reserve of the Plastics Financial Package.

Although originally indicating intent, SRI has not finally decided to undertake production of sets for general sale. If not available for purchase from SRI, the Committee further recommends alternate arrangements be investigated.

Staff concurs with the recommendation.

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Proposed Continued Joint Research on
Plastics Combustion Products
and Their Toxicity
funded under the
Plastics Financial Package

Jointly with The Society of the Plastics Industry (SPI), MCA is currently supporting a research program being conducted by The University of Michigan on "The Analysis and Toxicity of the Combustion Products of Natural and Synthetic Materials." Although the development work has proceeded slowly, indicative results are beginning to emerge.

The Plastics Committee recommends MCA, jointly with SPI, continue to support the research being conducted by The University of Michigan until June 1, 1977. MCA's portion (50%) of funding for this extension of the project will be \$20,000, provided from the budgeted unallocated reserve of the Plastics Financial Package.

Staff concurs with this request.

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Proposed Allocation
under the
Plastics Financial Package
Plastics Waste Management Update

The Plastics Committee, with staff concurrence, recommends appropriation of \$6,500 from the budgeted unallocated reserve funds, available in the Plastics Financial Package for 1976-77, to engage DeBell & Richardson, Inc. (D&R) to conduct an update of information on plastics in relation to solid waste treatment and disposal, previously completed by D&R for publication by MCA:

"Solid Waste Management of Plastics"	(1970)
"Plastics Waste Disposal Practices in Landfill, Incineration, Pyrolysis and Recycle"	(1972)
"Plastics Waste Management"	(1974)

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STAFF REPORT

by

William J. Driver

June 9, 1976

We announced on May 27 our support of a House toxic substances control bill, H.R. 14032, sponsored by Representatives Bob Eckhardt (D-Tex.) and James T. Broyhill (R-N.C.). The new bill replaces H.R. 10318, specific provisions of which we seriously objected to. The bill appears to focus the resources of industry and government on the most pressing problems. The impact of the legislation will depend on how it is administered by the Environmental Protection Agency.

In a letter to Rep. Eckhardt notifying him of our support, I stated that we were grateful for his cooperation and willingness to compromise. At the same time, I warned that our support for the revised bill was given with considerable concern that the constructive changes in the substitute bill could be negated by additional, damaging amendments at any of the remaining stages of the legislative process.

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The Senate Public Works Committee is marking up S. 2150, the proposed Solid Waste Utilization Act of 1975. The version under consideration is much more satisfactory to industry than previous bills, but there is some question about provisions of the hazardous waste disposal control section. We hope these questions can be resolved to our satisfaction in later markup sessions.

The House Transportation and Commerce Subcommittee (Interstate and Foreign Commerce Committee) continues to work on their second solid waste draft and expects to release it by the end of May. The first draft was issued in December, 1975. It was much more comprehensive than the original Senate bill and more controversial. Because of adverse reaction, the revised draft is expected to be toned down substantially in order to attract more support.

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On very short notice, MCA participated in hearings before the House Manpower and Housing Subcommittee of the Committee on Government Operations on May 12. In addition to general oversight on controlling toxic substances in the workplace, the committee wanted to discuss disclosure of all ingredients in products entering the workplace. Union representatives and others argued that a complete

listing of contents should be on all labels. Our position, presented by Emil E. Christofano, chairman of the Occupational Health Committee, is that labels should disclose the nature of the hazards and the presence of hazardous ingredients, as well as give warnings to avoid exposure. This already is being done by companies following MCA guidelines, which follow the new ANSI standard that is based on MCA's Guide to Precautionary Labeling of Hazardous Chemicals. Also appearing were C. J. O'Connor, chairman of the Labels and Precautionary Information Committee, and Dr. H. J. Kolodner, chairman of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee.

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The Department of Transportation granted a 30-day extension of the time allowed for commenting on amendments that consolidated the regulations governing transportation of hazardous materials. MCA had asked for 90 days. Some amendments were found contrary to company experience, some were in conflict with other amendments and some were considered incomplete. The deadline now is June 14. As an example of its criticism, MCA presented recommendations on May 20 concerning errors in authorized shipping names, requirements for loading drums and a more realistic approach to setting effective dates implementing the amendments.

MCA also presented to the Materials Transportation Bureau recommendations for combination safety relief devices on tank cars and trucks containing hydrogen chloride.

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Winner of the Lamot du Pont Safety Award for 1976 in the category of companies working more than two million manhours: Exxon Chemical Company, with a 61 percent reduction in the injury frequency rate. Runner-up was American Cyanamid Company, with a 48 percent reduction. Winner among companies working less than two million man-hours was Virginia Chemicals Inc. with a 61 percent reduction, while SunOlin Chemical Company had a 59 percent reduction.

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We continued to seek modifications in the proposed amendments to the Clean Air Act, particularly in section 113 (g). If the changes are enacted, they would require retrofitting all existing facilities within the particular air quality region in which a change in operation was planned.

MCA also supports Sen. Frank Moss' amendments to S. 3219 which delete section 6, the "no-growth" section, and establish a national study commission. The commission would report on changes in non-deterioration provisions within one year.

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Six senators who have fought bitterly over natural gas price deregulation have joined forces and introduced a compromise bill calling for partial deregulation. It remains to be seen, however, whether this latest initiative will break the legislative impasse and spur a new law in Congress.

After lengthy negotiation, the bill was introduced by Sens. James B. Pearson (R-Kan.), Ernest F. Hollings (D-S.C.), Adlai E. Stevenson III (D-Ill.), Warren G. Magnuson (D-Wash.), Henry L. Bellmon (R-Okla.) and Paul J. Fannin (R-Ariz.).

Sens. Pearson, Bellmon and Fannin had been strong advocates and sponsors of broad price-deregulation proposals, while Hollings, Magnuson and Stevenson had strenuously fought such proposals.

The key provisions of the compromise are:

- Offshore natural gas would continue permanently under federal price regulation when sold interstate.
- New discoveries of on-shore gas would continue to be controlled for seven years, but the current 52-cent maximum would be raised to \$1.60 (with a cost-of-living escalator) retroactive to discoveries from Jan. 1, 1976.
- Gas sold within the same state in which it is produced would continue free of price regulation.
- The use of natural gas for "boiler" fuel--low-priority industrial uses for which other fuels can serve--would be phased out over 10 years.

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The Senate Finance Committee began markup of tax reform/tax reduction legislation on April 27 and should finish by early June.

During the past three weeks, the Committee has dealt with tax shelters and other provisions which have little impact on the chemical industry. The Committee is scheduled to take up foreign income and capital formation matters the latter part of May.

When the Senate begins debate on a tax bill, a group of tax reform-minded Senators led by Senator Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) is expected to introduce a number of amendments contrary to business interests. These probably will include proposals to repeal DISC, the Asset Depreciation Range System, deferral of taxation of income of foreign subsidiaries and the percentage depletion allowance for hard minerals. There may be other proposals to restrict the use of the foreign tax credit and to prevent the extension of the 10 percent investment tax credit.

There are indications that about 25-30 Senators will support the tax reform amendments and that an equal number will oppose them. This leaves a block of 40-50 Senators who are presently uncommitted.

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In a speech to a combined meeting of the Air and Water Quality Committees in Washington on May 12, Russell W. Peterson, head of the Commission on Environmental Quality called for a "detente" between industry and environmental groups.

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Fourteen member company representatives gave 51 video and 61 radio interviews to 33 broadcasters at the annual meeting of the American Women in Radio and Television in Philadelphia May 5-8. MCA participation in the meeting was arranged by the Consumer Information Subcommittee, and the suite was staffed by 15 members of the subcommittee and the Public Relations Committee. More than 400 of the convention's 650 registrants visited the MCA suite.

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Dewey A. Kunze has been appointed to the MCA staff as secretary and staff representative of the Transportation and Distribution Committee. Mr. Kunze has been with Rohm and Haas as assistant traffic manager, and with Merck and Union Carbide.

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D. Miller Simpson retired as librarian on May 31 after 22 years with MCA. He will be succeeded by Jane Rasmussen, who has been a librarian in private industry and at the American School in Iran.

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