

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Minutes of Meeting

Occupational Safety & Health Committee

Boars Head Inn
P.O. Box 5185
Charlottesville, VA 22902
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Meeting and Retreat
May 24, 25, and 26, 1982
Monday 1 p.m. - 9:15 p.m.
Tuesday 8 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
7:30 P.M. - 9:30 p.m.
Wednesday 8 a.m. - 10 a.m.

Attendees

Tom Evans (Chairman)
Charles Ryan (Vice-Chairman)
John Dougherty, M.D.
Harry Eschenbach
Warren Ferguson
Patrick McNulty
Ron Van Mynen
Charles Richards
Jerry Robertson
Allan Sherr
Ned Walters

John Wheeler

Monsanto
Sun Company
Celanese Corporation
W. R. Grace
Allied Corporation
Rohm & Haas
Union Carbide Corporation
Gulf Oil Chemical Company
Exxon Chemical Company
American Cyanamid
E. I. du Pont de Nemours
& Company
M & T

Members Absent

Donald Hillman
Richards Hoots, Jr.
Arthur Sheldon

Diamond Shamrock Corporation
ICI Americas Corporation
M & T

CMA Staff Present

Christopher Nolde
Rita Comotto (Part-time)
Randal P. Schumacher
D. Christopher Cathcart

Guests

C. Luckey Heath
Claude Irwin
Richard Lippin
James Norwood
(for Al Green)
Dr. Paul Nees

Stauffer Chemical Company
Phillips Chemical Company
Arco Chemical Company

Air Products
Hooker Chemical Company

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Action Items:

- Task groups on Hazard Communications and State Activities were transferred to OSHC from the Hazard Communication Special Committee. The HCSC will sunset at the end of May.
- The Health Standards Task Group will consider reviewing the formaldehyde situation for purposes of promoting the arguments for good science in regulatory decisions.
- The OSHA Carcinogen Policy Work Group will re-examine whether CMA should indeed support a carcinogen standard, even if it is an improved one.
- The Health Standards Task Group will consider issues dealing with accreditation of laboratories doing testing for biological monitoring.
- The committee will continue to monitor the Miller Bill (HR5735) on occupational disease, but will not prepare to participate directly in hearings at this time.
- The Future Issues Task Group will follow OSHA activities related to ergonomics and heat stress.
- The Safety Standards and Health Standards Task Groups will jointly continue to develop CMA comments on targeting health inspections.

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The meeting was convened at 1:00 p.m., May 24, 1982

1. Minutes of the Last Meeting, March 31, 1982

Minutes were approved as distributed.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Nolde reported that Rep. Miller does not have the consensus for his bill that he had hoped for. CMA is opposed to the bill primarily because it sets up presumptions regarding exposure and illness. It also provides a trigger mechanism for including other illnesses besides asbestos and uranium ore for which it was specifically designed.

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Independent scientists who would be willing to testify against the bill have been identified. OSHC will not prepare a CMA position paper on the bill now. Chairman Collins' sub-committee on Manpower and Housing on the House Committee on Government Operations held a hearing on OSHA's hazards communication proposed rule March 18, 1982. The question raised by the sub-committee of why the rule was being held up by the Office of Management and Budget became moot when the agency released its proposal during the hearing.

3. Task Group Activities

3.1 Safety Statistics - The task group will continue it's telephone campaign to increase member participation in our safety awards program.

This group will revise the guidelines for member reporting of occupational injury and illness data.

3.2 Health Standards - This group will be co-chaired by Messrs. Evans and Eschenbach.

The committee reviewed the specific safety and health standards OSHA announced it will be addressing in the near future. Most topics relating to the chemical industry were already being handled by the concerned task groups. The subjects of laboratory accreditations and formaldehyde were referred to the Health Standards Task Groups while heat stress was assigned to Future Issues Task Group.

Work Groups

OSHA Carcinogen Policy

Some industry groups have recommended that OSHA should not have a formal carcinogen policy but examine each suspect material individually. In view of this sentiment the committee recommended that the work group re-examine it's position favoring an appropriately revised OSHA carcinogen policy.

The group prepared comments on the OSHA draft proposal on the access to employee records rule. However CMA will not comment to OSHA before a definitive ruling is made in the related litigation in the western district of Louisiana.

Reproductive Hazards

The work group will submit a proposed agenda to OSHC for approval before proceeding with plans for a conference this fall or winter.

Noise

At the OSHA hearing on its Hearing Conservation Amendment to the noise regulation, CMA generally supported the agency's actions. However, we pointed out a number of technical changes that were needed.

Respirators

The work group is proceeding with plans to determine the protection specificity factors of respirators in a field setting. The effort is being coordinated with other organizations. The group will also draft responses to OSHA initiatives on this subject.

Targeting Health Inspections

In cooperation with the Health Standards Task Group, this joint work group is developing a CMA position on targeting health inspections.

Informing Family Physicians

The symposium last spring co-sponsored by CMA and the American Occupational Medical Association met its objective of initiating a program to inform interested health professionals about industrial medicine. Dr. Lippin will survey the situation and make recommendations about an appropriate next step CMA might take.

Task Group Activities

3.3 Safety Standards

" Model Performance Work Group - This group continues to offer to OSHA suggestions and assistance in writing balanced performance standards. The group is drafting a model standard based subpart H, hazardous material.

Walking and Working Surfaces - At OSHA's request, the group is considering developing comments on the agency's draft proposals for walking and working surfaces and personal fall protection systems, subparts D and I, respectively.

Marine Terminals - CMA testimony on Marine Terminals was presented at the OSHA hearing on May 25. We reiterated our position that private dock facilities associated with the plant site should be exempt from the proposed rule, which apparently is intended to cover public facilities.

3.4 Worker Education

The questionnaire on worker education is ready to be distributed to member companys. The task group is planning to write a report and present the results to CMA members at a symposium this fall.

3.5 OSHA Reform

The task group identified four major issues which will be developed as the time for possible legislative action approaches.

3.6 ANSI Z-129.1 Revision (Labeling)

The task group has almost completed the canvassing process required by ANSI. The group expects the institute to publish a revised standard before the end of this year.

3.7 Liaison with Technical Societies

We have sufficient nominees to fill key posts as CMA representatives at NFPA and ANSI. Following further consultation between Messrs. Van Mynen and Freifeld appropriate names will be submitted officially to these organizations.

3.8 Future Issues

The committee was hesitant about having the task group proceed with a proposal to establish a data base of product hazard information.

The task group raised the issue of how to get OSHA to more promptly reflect in its permissible exposure limits, the actual workplace situation. The committee believed this should be addressed by the Health Standards Task Group.

The committee assigned follow up on ergonomics and heat stress to the Future Issues Task Group.

3.9 Process Safety Analysis

This group is proceeding with its telephone survey of members to determine the state of art and needs in the industry. It is planning to write a report and have a series of workshops by next spring.

3.10 Ergonomics

The committee sunset this task group with thanks to Chairman Robertson and other group members for a job well done. The Future Issues Task Group was asked to track items related to ergonomics.

3.11 Control Technology Study on Sealing Devices

CMA members are still being urged by NIOSH and its contractor Enviro Control to participate in the Control Technology study on sealing devices.

3.12 New Task Groups

The Hazards Communications Special Committee will be sunset on May 31. The functions of that committee will be absorbed under OSHC as the Hazards Communications Task group and State Affairs Task Group.

4. Next CMA Annual Meeting

The next CMA Annual Meeting will be in Chicago, October 4 and 5, 1982. As part of that program OSHC will present Dr. Ralph Hardy of DuPont whose topic will be "On The Frontiers of Bio-technology." Dr. Ryan will be moderator for that session.

5. Special Programs Advisory Committee

At its last meeting, that committee reviewed a number of key projects.

6. Regulatory Impact Special Committee (RISC)

RISC has developed a CMA approach to risk/benefit analysis. They will work with OSHC and other groups on individual projects.

7. Assignments for Committee Members

Health Standards	Dougherty
Safety Standards	Richards
Safety Statistics	Greene
Worker Education	McNulty
OSHA Reform	Van Mynen
ANSI Z-129 Revision	Sherr
Future Issues	Heath
Process Safety Analysis	Walters
Control Technology	Ryan
Hazards Communications	Sherr
State Activities	Nees

Liaison in CMA

Special Programs Advisory Committee	Ferguson
International Affairs Group	Irwin
Reg. Impact Special Committee	Robertson
Informing Family Physician	
About Industrial Medicine	Lippin

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Other Liaison

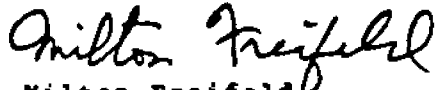
Technical Societies

Van Mynen

8. Next Meeting

The next OSHC meeting was scheduled for September 15, 1982, in Washington, D. C.

The meeting was adjourned 10:00 a.m. May 26, 1982.


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Chemical Regulations

Minutes Subject to Approval
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