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Subject: RE: Benzene Shanghai outreach

Stuart:

thanks for co-ordinating this. the bz issue is relatively quiet at this time in Canada. as you know, we have 3 main sets of issues here relating to bz: a) the provincial occupational health/OEL aspect; b) the federal focus on public/environmental health; and c) provincial air quality stds.

for a): OELs are based here on either the TLV or via a provincially-developed process, so for bz they range from 0.5 to 1.0 ppm across the country, and there is no active pressure to change them at this time. so i would prefer not to do anything about this aspect just now.

for b): the federal focus is of importance, because concerns about bz translate into product specs and national emission redn strategies etc. i would propose we set up a formal half day presentation with Health Canada in Ottawa, and invite a few other agencies/scientists to the session. the lead person would be Bette Meek (who manages the Priority Substances program in Health Can). Environment Canada personnel would be important (in Canada, the issue of "environmental health" is managed jointly by both these depts), and i can imagine inviting leading scientists like Dan Krewski too. let me know if and when the outreach program will start: it would be "proper" for either Shell, ExxonMobil or a Canadian industry association (CPPI) to initiate the process for c): i would prefer to make any required presentations on this subject as a response to a new regulatory initiative (ie modify/create an AQ std for bz). i suspect such initiatives may start in Ontario and Alberta in the next year...if so: we will organize some form of presentation from you or the outreach team at that time in addition, we need to inform the Canadian industry association with interest in bz, ie the upstream and downstream petroleum groups (CAPP and CPPI), and the chemical producers (CCPA). i suspect we should arrange this just before a presentation with the feds; maybe the previous day? i agree we should not discuss the bz issue at this time with Canadian ENGOs.

hope this helps

geoff

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ALL:

As all of you know, the Shanghai Health Study (benzene) has been launched and has already made significant progress.

The consortium is now developing an outreach program to begin explaining to the world what this study is all about and how it will likely impact our understanding of benzene toxicity. The consortium technical committee met today to develop a list of potential organizations for outreach and this list will be delivered to the consortium oversight committee for approval. The technical committee came up with a list of obvious organizations, likely representing the first tier of organizations to be contacted. These include:

US EPA, NIOSH, ACGIH, OSHA, NIEHS, NCI, American Cancer Society, Leukemia/Lymphoma Society,

Note these are mainly US governmental/regulatory organizations associated with environment and workplace regulations - again obvious first tier contacts.

The technical committee thought it would be important to include similar EU and Canadian governmental/regulatory organizations on this first list. Suggestions to date: EU DG environment (possibly Ursula Gundert-Remy), EU DG employment, MRC (UK).

Action: seek suggestions from Geert, Gauke, and Geoff that can be proposed to the oversight committee regarding organizations and contact individuals from the EU and Canada. Let's limit the suggestions to government for now, but keep in mind future outreach to NGOs.

Thanks

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