

CANTOX INC.Consultants in Toxicology
Health and Environmental Sciences

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Dr. H. C. Shah
Director, CHEMSTAR
Chemical Manufacturers Association
2501 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037
USA

Dear Dr. Shah:

As discussed during our telephone conversation on February 4, I am forwarding a proposal and cost estimate for assisting the Chemical Manufacturers Association in developing and completing a consensus document to respond to the items presented in the ATSDR document on priority data needs for vinyl chloride. In addition, CanTox would be pleased to host a meeting to confer on the issues in the ATSDR document, as we discussed.

From our standpoint, we feel that the best way to respond to the document is to address each point made (priority and non-priority data needs), discussing what data are currently available and their impact on the conclusions reached in the ATSDR text. In this manner, any real gaps in the data will be identified, although the actual response may address the proposed ATSDR data needs in order of importance.

It is our understanding that CanTox would not prepare a detailed, documented response for your review and input. Rather, this response would be more of a "team" effort that would begin with a group session or workshop of CMA representatives to be held at CanTox to minimize our travel costs. CanTox is prepared to formulate the response. This would entail organizing our thoughts as well as the input from the various industry representatives into a draft document that would be circulated to all those involved for comment. We have recently been involved in related projects on vinyl chloride, both with the Chlorine and Vinyl Institutes and are familiar with the issues and available data. CanTox will coordinate the review of the draft versions and incorporate all comments and suggestions.

The anticipated cost for CanTox to complete the work described will be \$8,800 $\pm$ 15%, and a detailed breakdown of the anticipated costs is attached. We have budgeted on the basis of the suggested meeting being held at our offices. If more preparatory or background writing or documentation would be requested from CanTox, this budget would have to be revised.

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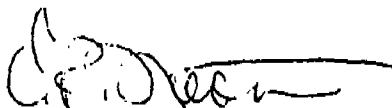
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If there are any questions or if you would like more information, please do not hesitate to call.
We look forward to working with you on this interesting project.

Yours sincerely,
CanTox Inc.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Earle R. Nestmann', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Earle R. Nestmann, Ph.D.
Principal

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1.	Meeting	\$ 190.00 *
2.	Word processors	600.00
3.	Scientist	3,460.00
4.	Senior Toxicologist	3,750.00
5.	Expenses (photocopying, couriers, computer time, etc.)	<u>800.00</u>
		\$ 8,800.00

* This amount is the cost estimate to provide coffee, muffins, lunch, and beverages for 12 attendees.