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TO: VCM/PVC Producers Group - Attendees of 9/2/76 meeting
FROM: Juliette Lang Cahn, Staff Director

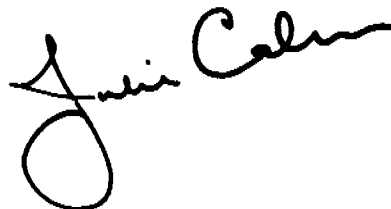
Enclosed are the minutes of the meeting of the VCM/PVC Producers Group held September 2, 1976, with the following enclosures:

1. Revised Chemtrec Data Sheet
2. Letter of Participation to Chemtrec (mail by 9/30/76)

In accordance with the minutes, I have written the producers who were not present at the meeting and invited participation.

I also sent copy of the Chemtrec Data Sheet to Bob Laundrie for submittal to the Technical Committee of the VCM/PVC Producers Group for approval.

I will contact Mr. Graziano after September 30th, by which time letters of participation should have been received by Chemtrec, and advise him of the action taken by the VCM/PVC Producers Committee.



cc: A. Ross Adams, Chairman, VCM/PVC Producers Group

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MINUTES

VCM/FVC PRODUCERS GROUP

THE SOCIETY OF THE PLASTICS INDUSTRY

SPI Offices
New York City

2 September 1976
9:30 a.m.

Present:

CHAIRMAN: George A. Coffenberg, Stauffer Chemical Co.

Borden Chemical Co.: Ronald Cosey
Conoco Chemical: John F. Pinkman
Diamond Shamrock: George B. Shaw
Dow Chemical Co.: Charles O. Hutchenreuther
General Tire & Rubber Co.: Robert Laundrie
B. F. Goodrich Chemical: Thomas H. Smith
Goodyear Tire & Rubber: Waveland D. Davis; Michael E. Evellsizer
Great American Chemical: O. Paul Cohen
Hooker Chemical & Plastics: Mark N. Soble
PPG Industries: Michael Petruccelli
Shell Chemical Co.: D. Frank McMillan

Dewey A. Kunze, Manufacturing Chemists Association
Martin W. Bercovici, Keller & Heckman
Juliette Lang Cahn, SPI
John R. Lawrence, SPI

Opening of Meeting

Chairman George Coffenberg called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. He read a letter from the Staff Director, Julie Cahn, stating that Dr. Ross Adams had requested that Mr. Coffenberg serve as Chairman of this Committee.

For the benefit of those who had not been present at the last meeting, he gave a brief review of the request by the Association of American Railroads for an Emergency Response System for accidents involving VCM.

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Participation

Mr. Coffenberg asked that each company present indicate whether or not it was prepared to participate in a VCM Voluntary Emergency Response Program as proposed in the amended minutes. Mr. Coffenberg called the roll of company attendance and acceptance of the proposed system was unanimous.

Participants - 2 September 1976

Borden Chemical Co.	Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co.
Conoco Chemicals	Great American Chemical Co.
Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co.	Hooker Chemical & Plastics Co.
Dow Chemical Co.	PPG Industries, Inc.
General Tire & Rubber Co.	Shell Chemical Co.
B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.	Stauffer Chemical Co.

Mrs. Cahn was requested to notify VCM/PVC Producers who are not represented at this meeting and to request them to indicate by ballot whether or not they will participate in the program.

Chemtrec Data Sheet for VCM

The Chemtrec Data Sheet for VCM currently in use was reviewed. Mr. Kunze pointed out that this was drafted some time ago and was in need of revision.

After considerable discussion, agreement was reached as to the text of the Data Sheet. The document was reviewed and approved by Robert Laundrie, Chairman of the Technical Committee of the VCM/PVC Producers Group. Mrs. Cahn was requested to prepare the revised form, indicating the amendments made at this meeting and enclose with the minutes of this meeting (Appendix 1).

The Data Sheet will also be forwarded to

- those producers who were not present at this meeting
- the Technical Committee of the VCM/PVC Producers Group via Robert Laundrie.

Mr. Kunze pointed out that it will require final approval by MCA, the utilizing agent.

Letter of Participation

Mrs. Cahn and Mr. Bercovici were requested to prepare a letter to be signed by participating producers and sent to Chemtrec, with copy to Mrs. Cahn, stating their willingness to participate in the VCM Voluntary Emergency Response Program, listing their geographical locations and authorizing Chemtrec to call them when local assistance is required (Appendix 2). Participating members will be requested to send the letter to Chemtrec by September 30th.

Revised 9/2/76

CHEMTREC DATA SHEET

VINYL CHLORIDE

(Interlining denotes deletion; additions are underlined)

1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5 and notations in right hand column - NO CHANGE.

1.6 Shipping or B/L Description: Vinyl Chloride, Flammable Compressed Gas

COMMUNICATOR: READ NOTE ON REVERSE ONLY IF CALLER ASKS ABOUT
POSSIBLE CANCER INVOLVEMENT DUE TO EXPOSURE.

Nature of Product: Extremely flammable, compressed gas ~~that has~~
~~little or no immediate health hazards.~~ There
may be liquefied gas in the container. Fire
and explosion are the predominant dangers in
any accident involving Vinyl Chloride. Cancer
suspect agent.

HAZARDS

FIRE: Extremely flammable gas transported as a liquid under pressure. It
can be ignited by heat, sparks or open flame. Fire may cause violent
rupture of the tank.

EXPOSURE: MAY EXPLODE IF INVOLVED IN FIRE. Vapor from the burning material
is harmful. It is mostly Hydrogen Chloride. There is little
likelihood of Phosgene being present. Although chronic long term
exposure may cause cancer in humans, nothing has been observed to
indicate any carcinogenic effect for acute short term exposures.
As with any chemical material, minimum exposure is recommended.

IN CASE OF ACCIDENT

SPILL If there is a leak but no fire, DO NOT ignite the gas. Use self
OR contained breathing apparatus and protective clothing. Clear the
LEAK: area, keep upwind and use water spray to disperse vapor and protect
men attempting to shut off leak. Keep low behind the spray and
avoid entering vapor area as it may ignite and flash back to source.
If leak cannot be shut off, it would be best to consult shipper
prior to taking any further steps.

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Appendix 2.

Please send by September 30, 1976 to:

Mr. Dewey A. Kunze
CHEMTREC
Manufacturing Chemists Association
1825 Connecticut Avenue N.W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

This is to advise you that _____ will
(company)
assist shippers of vinyl chloride in the event of an emergency involving this
product, and you may release our name, telephone numbers, and the locations of
our response teams to such other shippers. We understand that Chemtrec will
contact the shipper of the tank car involved in the emergency and that it will
be this shipper who will contact our company should it be judged that personnel
are needed on the scene immediately and our company's response personnel are in
a geographic position to render aid quickly. Additionally, you may contact us
in the event you cannot identify or locate the shipper whose product may be
involved in a transportation emergency.

For the Chemtrec Data Sheet, our company number(s) for 24-hour contact
is (are) _____.

Our response team locations are as follows:

We agree to the revised Chemtrec Data Sheet for Vinyl Chloride Monomer as
submitted by the SPI VCM/PVC Producers Group and dated 9/2/76.

cc: Juliette Lang Cahn, SPI

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