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VINYL CHLORIDE PROGRAM PANEL

PHASE VIII COMMITMENT

On November 14, 1980, an ad hoc group of vinyl chloride industry representatives approved with some modifications, a proposal by Environmental Health Associates (EHA) to update an epidemiological study of vinyl chloride workers (per attached minutes). A \$300,000 budget is projected for completion of the study. This includes:

EHA cost estimate per proposal	\$200,000
EHA anticipated 10% increase in labor costs (1981)	20,000
CMA program administration (includes preparatory work)	35,000
Contingency fund	45,000
	<u>\$300,000</u>

Funding for the study will be done on a pro-rated basis with participating companies contributing according to their percentage of total VCM name plate capacity plus PVC name plate capacity and other uses for the year 1979. It is estimated that the total VCM/PVC figure for 1979 is approximately 15.5 billion pounds. Accordingly, of the \$300,000, my company's pro-rata share is 13.65 %, based on 2.1168 Lb.Yr pounds of the total production capacity as indicated below:

VCM Capacity:	<u> </u>
PVC and other uses- Capacity:	<u> </u>

The study will proceed if two-thirds of the vinyl chloride industry are committed to the project. Individual assessments will vary according to percent participation. It is anticipated that all major manufacturers of VCM/PVC will support the study; therefore, the 15.5 billion figure can be used as a reasonable denominator for estimating your commitment. You will be notified of the actual figure and billed accordingly when all commitments have been received.

Companies, not presently in the vinyl chloride market, are asked to commit plant resources toward providing data on their workers in the original cohort. These companies will not participate in cost-sharing.

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