

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Health and Safety Committee

Meeting Minutes

CMA, Terrace A & B Conference Room
2501 M Street, NW
Washington, DC 20037

Wednesday
September 28, 1988
9:35 a.m. - 1:45 p.m.

Members Present

Wallace F. Dyste
Harry A. Eschenbach
Janice D. Florin
Joseph E. LeBeau
Thomas J. Marriott
Michael M. Marshall
Leon C. Schaller
James H. Senger
David D. Sigman
Gary A. Sunshine
Gary L. Ter Haar

Members Absent

James H. Price
Frank A. Ubel
Ronald Van Mynen
John Willett

Company

Dow Corning Corporation
W. R. Grace & Company
Amoco Corporation
The Dow Chemical Company
Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
Lonza, Inc.
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
Monsanto Company
Exxon Chemical Company
ICI Americas, Inc.
Ethyl Corporation

Quantum Chemical Corporation
3M Company
Union Carbide Corporation
Shell Oil Company

CMA Staff

Marilyn Browning
Susan Conti
Nancy Doerr
Marion Herz
Joseph Kelley
Diane Layne
Kyle Olson
Lori Ramonas
William Royce
Randal Schumacher
Sandra Tirey
Eileen Winkelman

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1. G. Sunshine, Chairman, convened the meeting at 9:35 a.m. The committee approved the minutes of the August 17, 1988, meeting without change.

2. Outside Services Budget

G. Sunshine reviewed the budget status with the committee. He asked sponsors to work with their respective task group chairman in starting budget projects soon so work is completed before the end of the fiscal year.

R. Schumacher will send to each of the task group chairmen and sponsors a letter on preparing next years' outside services budget and will enclose a project request and evaluation form.

The committee approved outside services for:

- updating and producing 3,000 copies of the CAER brochure (\$3,000)
- producing and printing 4,000 copies of a Plant Manager Network Guide (\$5,500)
- developing a videotape on health concerns of emissions (\$30,000)

3. Report of the Steering Task Group

Next month the Steering Task Group will meet to prepare the HSC's report to the Board Health Effects Committee. The task group will review the report with the committee at the October 19 meeting.

The committee agreed to postpone until January 24 the special review of the OSHA and TSCA regulatory programs. Members also agreed to reschedule the HSC planning meeting to May 3-5, 1989.

4. Chemical Release Inventory Task Group Mission Statement

The committee raised questions about possible redundancy in creating the Chemical Release Inventory Task Group. It agreed to postpone a final decision on approving the mission statement and whether it should exist as a separate task group until receiving additional information. The issue will be addressed at the October committee meeting.

5. Risk Assessment Work Group Mission Statement

The committee approved formation of the work group and mission statement. The work group will report to the Hazard Assessment Task Group. The committee noted the scarcity of company experts in quantitative risk assessment, and asked that the task group avoid duplication of efforts with AIHC.

6. Report on Executive Committee and Board of Directors Meetings

At the September Board of Directors (BOD) meeting, the Board approved the committee's recommended policy on process safety management. The BOD also enthusiastically supported the pilot project on collecting companies' community exposure values. In addition to the Responsible Care and CMA state initiative proposals, the Board also approved ERIC as a one-year project with priority given to developing guidelines for conducting epidemiologic studies.

7. Guidelines on Female and Male Reproductive Risk

Committee members were asked to contact N. Doerrerr by September 29 if they had any thoughts to add to CMA's general comments on the guidelines. The committee approved the comments in substance subject to any additional comments the members might make by September 29. N. Doerrerr will send T. Marks (Monsanto) a letter expressing the committee's appreciation for his excellent work in preparing the comments.

8. Comments on Revised Hazard Communication Standard

Members briefly reviewed CMA's draft comments on the revised standard and were asked to provide L. Ramonas with comments on them by September 30. T. Evans and T. Talcott (Dow) will testify before OSHA at the public hearing on the revised standard. The committee approved the comments subject to any members' comments forwarded to L. Ramonas.

9. Agenda Items for a EPA/CMA Meeting on TSCA Section 4 "Core Set Testing Data"

The committee discussed and proposed the following subjects for discussion at an EPA/CMA meeting:

- o core set instead of Section 5 PMN
- o exemptions (site-limited intermediates, polymers, salts)
- o premarketing versus PMN
- o data compensation
- o international compatibility
- o standardization of protocols, obviating EPA approval
- o tiers beyond core set
- o intermediates

Interested members of the committee and representatives from the Hazard Assessment, Notification and Reporting and TSCA Reauthorization and Transition Task Groups will review these meeting agenda items on October 4. N. Doerrerr will organize the meeting and be the staff contact for the follow-up with J. Moore (EPA).

10. CMA Response to EPA's Document on TSCA Section 8(d) Application to Environmental Monitoring Activities

The committee approved CMA's draft response. The Notification and Reporting Task Group will address the application of TSCA Section 8(d) reporting to workplace monitoring next.

11. CMA Policy on Special Program Panel Reporting Under TSCA Section 8(e)

The committee approved the policy as presented in the meeting book after a brief discussion.

12. Warehouse Safety Resource Manual

The latest draft of the manual was recently completed by CMA's contractor and sent to HSC members. The Safety Programs Task Group will review the draft at its October meeting. The Committee members should provide K. Olson with any comments. The committee will not recommend approval of the manual and policy to CMA's Board of Directors meeting in October, but will wait until the draft has been adequately reviewed.

13. Comments on OSHA's General Safety and Health Programs

The committee approved the draft comments subject to any committee members' specific comments given to K. Olson.

14. Briefing on Indoor Air Pollution Issues

The committee briefly discussed the increased focus on indoor air pollution as a legislative and regulatory issue and how the committee should organize to address the issue. The Steering Task Group will review the issue at its October 18 meeting and make a recommendation to the committee on October 19.

15. Sponsors' Report of Liability and Compensation Task Group

The Liability and Compensation Task Group is reviewing a proposal for a workers' compensation project that it will discuss in November. D. Sigman will brief the committee on its recommendation after the meeting.

16. International Emergency Preparedness Project

The committee approved the proposed CMA/IAG action plan to implement the United Nations Environment Programme to develop a handbook on emergency preparedness for its program, "Awareness and Preparedness for Emergencies at the Local Level (APELL). IAG will present the project to CMA's Board of Directors for approval.

17. TSCA Section 4 Test Rule on Solid Waste Chemicals

S. Conti updated the committee on EPA's response to CMA's petition for a stay on the solid waste chemicals test rule. The committee approved the strategy that will be recommended to the Hazard Assessment Task Group at its next meeting. The General Counsel's Office is recommending that the court challenge be formally stayed until EPA promulgates a rule conditionally exempting R & D producers from all test rules.

18. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 1:45 p.m.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Randal P. Schumacher", followed by a long horizontal flourish line.

Randal P. Schumacher
Director
Health, Safety and
Chemical Regulations

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