

Shanghai Benzene Epidemiology Study
Consortium Conference Call
April 24, 2001

Shell Notes

1. Budget

- ◆ Not all companies have paid \$15K seed money
- ◆ Expenses to be paid:
 - Chinese bioethicist
 - Reconvening protocol review panel
- ◆ 3 research assistants working for Irons funding ends May 31. Must notify by May 15 as to continuation of position. Consortium commitment would be enough to continue. Monies to cover 3 are included in the study budget

2. Commitments

- ◆ May 15 commitment date
- ◆ May 1
 - Firm letter to API indicating commitment with conditions
 - Shell conditions include (1) critical mass, (2) Government/NGO representation on review panel, (3) a voice in overseeing the project, (4) assurance of cost control.
 - Comments on draft contract
- ◆ May 3
 - Conference call to determine if critical mass (enough shares are committed) meets company needs

3. Ethical Issues Review

See notes on Ethics Paper dated April 24, 2001

4. Protocol Review

There was a lot of discussion around the first review in 2000 and the role of the review panel in reviewing protocols as the study progresses.

Original review panel:

R. Larsen, Hematologist, University of Chicago Medical School
E. Delsell, epidemiologist, University of Alabama
N. Mueller, epidemiologist, Harvard
D. Albertini, genetic toxicologist, University of Vermont

Written comments from original review cannot be found (highlights need for document control)