

Proposed
Research Program
on
Mechanisms of Phosgene Injury to the Lungs

EXHIBIT A

Purpose

The purpose of this program, to be collectively funded by voluntary subscriptions from interested companies, is to provide information on the basic mechanisms involved in phosgene damage to the lungs. This information is a prerequisite for the determination of a recommended method of medical treatment of industrial exposures to phosgene.

Initial Project

As recommended by the Ad Hoc Task Group on Phosgene Safety composed of representatives of interested member companies, the immediate project is that defined in the proposal made by Dr. M. F. Frosolono of the Mt. Sinai Hospital of Cleveland in a letter to MCA dated August 23, 1972. This project is to be conducted under contracts (a) between MCA and Mt. Sinai Hospital of Cleveland, not to exceed \$30,000 and (b) between MCA and Dr. Frosolono for consulting fees regarding the research referred to in (a), not to exceed \$3,000.

Supervision

This research is to be supervised on MCA's behalf by a Technical Task Group composed of one technical representative from each subscribing company plus an MCA staff representative to serve as secretary.

Organizationally within MCA, the Task Group is to function under the jurisdiction of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee.

Funding

Commitments have been made by thirteen interested companies in support of this research, up to \$3,500 per company. Funds are to be collected in advance of commitments, and disbursements subject to MCA staff clearance and approval.

Stipulations

The scientific information developed from this program is to be fully disclosed without restriction. For purposes of consistency and control, however, all releases are to be made through MCA only, normally based on Task Force recommendations as to nature and timing. This requirement is not to preclude private scientific interchange of non-competitive information which will be useful, nor relevant private communication among subscribing companies and organizations; the staff representative to be informed of all such interchanges and communications.

Operation

The Task Group will be governed by MCA's "General Principles Applicable to the Structure and Operations of Committees" and the Rules of Organization and Procedure of the Safety and Fire Protection Committee.

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