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Copy to N. Wheeler

Subject Proposed Phase II Vinyl Chloride Study

Tom,

I'm sending you a copy of my comments on the EHA Vinyl Chloride proposal in response to your handwritten note to Nick Wheeler. Please note that it is still only a proposal not an approved activity as my October 28th memo may have implied.

You inquired about costs. If we follow-up the old cohort, the principal cost will be this department's time in attending meetings of the CMA group. If we identify a new cohort, amount needed for computer time might reach \$10 M, although we would need to better assess the work involved before providing a sound estimate. Either way, we need authorization to spend about \$2 M more just to complete Phase I.

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Attachment

SUSAN,
OK TO COMPLETE PHASE I. CONTINUE

BILLING AS CURRENTLY AGREED.

*PARA TO EXAMINING IN PHASE II LET'S
EXAMINE HV STUDY & POTENTIAL BENEFITS OF
PHASE II & REACH A DECISION ON MOST
APPROPRIATE COURSE OF ACTION.*

Jim

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NICK, I BELIEVE THE HV EPI STUDY WILL GIVE US
INSIGHT INTO POTENTIAL HEALTH EFFECTS OF
CHEMS HANDLED. SOME IS NOT INTERESTED IN.
SENDING TIME & \$ ON VYCL FOLLOWUP
UNTIL HV STUDY IS COMPLETED & WE CAN
ANALYZE ITS FINDINGS.

Mr. R. M. Wheeler
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Subject: Vinyl Chloride Epidemiology Study

Dear Nick:

A representative of our Epidemiology Department attended the last CMA/Vinyl Chloride Epidemiology Study Meeting in Washington, D.C.

As you may know, the panel decided at that time to embark upon Phase II of the Epidemiology Study which will involve analysis of the Vinyl Chloride Cohort. It was interesting to learn that other companies besides Union Carbide had some difficulty verifying that persons included in the original study were truly exposed based on work history records. As a result of this finding, the committee decided to re-analyze the 1972 data using only those persons believed to be exposed to vinyl chloride according to work history records in existence today. (I am not sure I agree with this approach — it may lead to highly biased results.)

My purpose in writing to you is to notify you that the decision for Union Carbide to participate in this study will involve expenditures of time, effort and perhaps computer funds from this department. Before proceeding with any work, I would like clarification of what division(s) will be served and who will pay for costs. Two plants will be involved, the Texas City Plant and the South Charleston - Kanawha Valley Plant. I await your response and appreciate your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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