



CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

March 20, 1980

To: Vinyl Chloride Project Panel

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of a communication to Mr. Frank D. Kover that serves as a letter of transmittal for the report from Experimental Pathology Laboratories, Inc. (EPL) entitled "Vinyl Chloride Pathology Report". Please note the last paragraph of the letter and the fact that CMA has not attempted to evaluate the report as a Section 8(e) TSCA report because CMA does not have a reporting obligation under Section 8(e).

Also enclosed is a record of the Panel meeting held on March 18, 1980.

A copy of the EPL report is being sent to all Panel members who were unable to attend the March 18 meeting.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "J. T. Seawell".

J. T. Seawell
Project Administrator
Vinyl Chloride

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Enclosures

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CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

March 19, 1980

Mr. Frank D. Kover - TS 792
Chief
Chemical Hazards Identification
Branch
Assessment Division
Environmental Protection Agency
401 M Street, S.W.
611 East Tower
Washington, D.C. 20460

Dear Mr. Kover:

On January 14, 1977, Mr. Albert Clark forwarded to Mr. Robert McGaughy of EPA, on behalf of the Manufacturing Chemists Association (now the Chemical Manufacturers Association), a copy of the protocol and the 23-month status summary for the Association-sponsored research on vinyl chloride at Industrial Bio-Test Laboratories (IBT). Mr. Clark stated in that letter that the final report was expected to be submitted soon, and when available, would be forwarded to the Agency.

As you know, all testing undertaken at IBT has come under a cloud. In particular, serious flaws were discovered in the vinyl chloride study, and no final report of the IBT study was ever issued. The Association undertook to determine whether the vinyl chloride study could be validated through an audit of the pathology by Experimental Pathology Laboratories (conducted by Dr. William Busey). Dr. Busey subsequently submitted a report of his audit to the Association on January 9, 1979. It was reviewed by an Association task force and, because it was part of a larger audit (including a review of compliance of IBT with good laboratory practices), was not further distributed at that time. Unfortunately, because of the interim change in the management of the Association and the extraordinary increase in the scientific work of the Association caused by the Toxic Substances Control Act and related environmental legislation, we failed to send it to the Agency as a follow-up to Mr. Clark's letter of January 14, 1977.

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VINYL CHLORIDE PROJECT PANEL

Washington Hilton
Georgetown West

March 18, 1980

11:00 a.m.

PROPOSED AGENDA

1. Introduction and Purpose of the Meeting
2. Background Information on Industrial BIO-TEST research project and an audit of this study by Experimental Pathology Laboratory
3. Disposition of Busey Report
4. Additional treatment and disposition of Industrial BIO-TEST data and tissues
5. Termination of Industrial BIO-TEST Contract and legal claim
6. Other follow-up work