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February 28, 1974

Mr. Robert E. Rutherford
Gulf Oil Corporation
Medical Department
Gulf Building
Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15230

Subject: Vinyl Chloride Research Program

Dear Mr. Rutherford:

Currently, the Manufacturing Chemists Association is administering an investigative program concerning the potential carcinogenicity of vinyl chloride, financially supported by contributions from twenty manufacturers of vinyl chloride and/or polyvinyl chloride. In view of recent developments, several additional companies have expressed interest, your company being among them.

Herewith is a description of the current program of animal exposure and epidemiological studies and the terms under which it is administered by MCA. Additional studies totalling \$80,000 have been proposed.

New participants will be expected to comply with the following terms:

(a) To provide equitable cost sharing, initial contributions by companies joining the program at this time would be on the same basis as those made by present participants (currently \$24.38 per million pounds of annual VC plus PVC production capacity), future installments to be prorated among all companies then participating on the basis of published production capacities.

(b) Participation would be contingent upon an expression of intent to support such expanded programs of research and investigation as may be approved, with the understanding that an additional \$500,000 may be involved over the next three years.

(c) Applicants would be required to subscribe to confidentiality agreements then in effect, and to agree to

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such rules of conduct concerning dissemination of project information and research results as may then govern the Association's relationship with members of the group.

(d) Applicants must agree to cooperate with epidemiological studies undertaken, including the release (under appropriate guarantees of anonymity) of pertinent personnel data.

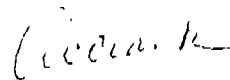
(e) Each participant under these terms would be entitled to management and technical representation and would be expected to make personnel available to a degree that constitutes an equitable sharing of responsibilities.

Your company would be welcome to participate on the terms indicated. Participation is not restricted to MCA member companies.

Enclosed are two copies of a reply sheet for commitment of funds, one signed copy of which is for return and the other for retention. As the basis for estimation of your proportionate share, the public records so far available to us indicate the production capacity for vinyl chloride monomer plus polyvinyl chloride (combined) approaches 10,000 million pounds a year. In setting any commitment limit, please bear in mind that substantially less than this total is likely to be represented in the subscriptions made.

To facilitate planning and invoicing, taking into account proposed future studies, a reply by March 20, 1974, would be appreciated. If your company decides not to participate, please indicate with equal promptness so our planning can proceed.

Sincerely,



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Enclosures

DESCRIPTION
MCA Administered
Research Program
on
Carcinogenic Potential of Vinyl Chloride

PURPOSE

The purpose of this program, collectively funded by voluntary subscriptions from interested companies, is to provide technical information to clarify the status of vinyl chloride (monomer) in reference to carcinogenicity.

CURRENT PROJECTS

Projects now in progress are as follows:

Animal Exposure Study (Industrial BIO-TEST Laboratories)	- \$180,000
Epidemiological Study (Tabershaw-Cooper Associates)	- 93,340
	\$273,340

SUPERVISION

This program is supervised on MCA's behalf by a Technical Task Group composed of one technical representative from each subscribing company plus an assigned MCA staff representative, who serves as secretary.

FUNDING

In accord with preference expressed by representatives of companies taking part in the program, subscribing companies share in financial support approximately in proportion to their share of total-tonnage production capacity (vinyl chloride monomer plus polyvinyl chloride) so represented, based on publicly available figures. For good reason, exceptions may be made by common consent.

Consistent with prior commitments by subscribing companies, support funds are subject to advance collection by MCA but

...ly scheduled when deemed appropriate for long-term projects. Disbursements would be subject to MCA staff concurrence and approval.

DISSEMINATION

The scientific information developed from this program would be fully disclosed, without restriction. For purposes of consistency and control, however, all releases would be made solely through MCA, normally based on Task Group recommendations as to nature and timing. This requirement would not preclude private scientific interchange of non-competitive information useful to advancement of the program, nor relevant private communication within and among subscribing companies. It would be an obligation to inform the MCA staff representative about all such related interchanges and communications other than those internal to the company.

OPERATION

The Task Group would be governed by the requirements of MCA's "General Principles Applicable to the Structure and Operations of Committees."

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My company hereby pledges its prorata share for support of subject program in accord with the Description dated February 25, 1974, with the understanding that our share will be based on our production capacity for vinyl chloride monomer plus polyvinyl chloride of _____* million pounds a year, this commitment being limited to a maximum of \$_____.

*Publicly disclosed figure

Our representative on the Technical Task Group having surveillance over it will be:

Name (typed) _____

Title _____

Company _____

Mailing address _____

Phone: Area Code _____ Number _____

Extension _____

☐ While appreciating the opportunity presented, my company has decided not to participate in the program.

Name (signed) _____

Name (typed) _____

Title _____

Company _____

Address _____

Phone: Area Code _____ Number _____

Extension _____

Please return one signed copy by March 20, 1974 to:

A. C. Clark
Manufacturing Chemists Association
1825 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C. 20009

Date _____

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500 Connecticut Avenue, N. W.

Washington, D. C. 20009

Date _____

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