

Manufacturing Chemists Association

Minutes of Meeting

ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MCA Conference Room Washington, D. C.

November 16, 1967

MEMBERS PRESENT

J. H. Sterner, M.D., Chairman
E. J. Bock, Vice Chairman
W. G. Ball, Jr.
E. E. Christofano
J. T. Gormally
Carstens Slack (AM only)
A. J. vonFrank
J. S. Whitaker
N. G. White
Jerome Wilkenfeld
J. A. Zapp, Jr.
George E. Best, Secretary

Eastman Kodak Company
Monsanto Company
Ethyl Corporation
Hercules Incorporated
Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation
Phillips Petroleum Company
Allied Chemical Corporation
Union Carbide Corporation
Shell Chemical Company
Hooker Chemical Corporation
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
MCA Staff

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT

M. F. Granville

Texaco Inc.

GUESTS PRESENT

C. U. Dernehl, M.D.
R. L. Moore (AM only)
R. F. Philpitt
A. E. Settle
F. G. Stephenson

Union Carbide Corporation
W. R. Grace & Co.
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
MCA Staff
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MEMBERS ABSENT

A. L. Kling
T. C. Runion

Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
W. R. Grace & Co.

1. Minutes of September 14, 1967 Meeting

With the following amendment of the first two sentences of the entry under "Labels and Precautionary Information Committee" (page EH35-2) as recommended by Mr. Gormally, the minutes were approved as distributed:

Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Chemicals Committee

(Time ran out without discussion of this committee at the meeting, but this is to record the essence of a letter dated November 14 from Mr. W. E. McCormick, FDCCC chairman, as follows: Budgetary requirements for the coming year are the same as previously indicated -- \$20,000 for a position paper on carcinogenesis, in an attempt to refute the Delaney Clause philosophy. This will be difficult, maybe impossible, but because of the possible extension of this philosophy into other legislative areas, such as atmospheric pollution, MCA should be concerned and make a real effort. The idea is to retain the services of a group of experts on carcinogenesis who believe that threshold levels apply in this field as in other aspects of toxicology.)

Occupational Health Committee (C. U. Dernehl, M.D. and E. E. Christofano)

In the current year, Dr. Dernehl said that a survey by questionnaire of MCA member company medical services was considered, but abandoned because it seemed the information would have limited usefulness.

A newsletter-type publication of generally useful information is in prospect, as a 4 to 6-page quarterly initially, possibly becoming monthly in the future. This is the only item for which project funds will be sought in the 1968-69 budget, with \$1500 to be requested for this purpose. It is not expected that a like amount for Publications (OH-1) in the current year's budget will be expended.

The first Occupational Health Workshop in Detroit was well received, although there was some feeling that its scope was too broad. A second workshop will be held in Philadelphia in February 1968, with the morning session on general subject matter, and the afternoon divided into three concurrent sessions on occupational medicine, industrial hygiene, and toxicology.

A report is expected around the end of the year on the University of Michigan study of bone damage in certain occupational exposures in polyvinyl chloride manufacture, in which x-ray examinations have been made of 6500 employees. This project is being funded by contributions from polyvinyl producers totalling \$85,000.

A discussion meeting has been scheduled for November 20 at which producers of fluorocarbon gases are to consider whether further toxicological investigation is warranted, pursuant to misuse of such material as an inhalant.

Labels and Precautionary Information Committee (R. F. Philpitt and J. T. Gormally)

Mr. Philpitt reported that revision of Manual L-1 is expected to be completed in the next 12 to 18 months. He commented that of the 175 individual chemicals covered by specimen labels, toxicological back-up information is generally available on only about 75. The LAPI Committee has under consideration the recommendation of a temporary staff addition to seek out what data can be withdrawn from private sources, and plan a program of research to fill the information voids. A specific proposal will be forthcoming.

Mr. Philpitt spoke briefly about the recent field trip to Common

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