

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

The Four Season Resort & Club
4150 N. MacArthur Blvd.
Irving, TX 75038

Monday
May 23, 1994
8:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Ron McCreedy, Dow Chemical, Chairman
Bruce Brocka, Certainteed Corp.
Robert H. Burnett, The Vinyl Institute
Bill Carrol, OcyChem
Piero Dicapua, Petroquimica Colombiana, S. A.
Dave Eckstein, Uni-Bell PVC Pipe Association
Lee Fishbein, Borden Chemical & Plastics
Rodolfo Gedeon, Petroquimica Colombiana, S. A.
Don Goodman, OxyChem
Roy T. Gottesman, Chemical Management Resources, Inc.
H. J. Hall, Vista Chemical
L. G. Krauskopf, Exxon Chemical Co.
Fred Krause, Geon Co.
Joe Ledvina, Vista Chemical
Elyse Lewis, G. E. Specialty Chemicals
Richard Magee, NJIT
Louis M. Maresca, Geon Co.
Debbie Neale, Neale & Assoc.
Bill Patient, Geon Co.
Tim Patterson, Geon Canada Ic.
Richard Prieto, Grupo Primex
Al Reventas, Shintech Inc.
Margaret Rogers, Dow Chemical
Robert Strength, Product Safety Management, Inc.
John Svalander, EVCM

I. OPENING OF MEETING, SELF-INTRODUCTIONS AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The meeting was opened at 8:30 a.m. by the chair, Ron McCreedy, with a round of self-introductions. There were no suggested amendments to the agenda which will be followed. The minutes of the last Technical Committee meeting held in Boston, MA on January 12, 1994, were approved as submitted.

II. FINANCIAL REPORT

The financial report was presented and discussed with a notation that it will finish well under budget level of \$195,000 (Attachment I).

III. PROJECT UPDATES

Bob Strength, Consultant, reported on a number of his activities: The recent ASTM meeting in the Netherlands, the NAC National Electrical Code Meetings, and IEC '89. Reports of those meetings have been circulated separately to members of the Committee.

Dave Eckstein reported on the status of the preparation of the package for EPA and also advised the group that the overall situation has been quiet with respect to the Kansas pipe situation. R. T. Gottesman will finalize that package for presentation to the EPA in August.

Don Goodman updated the group on the MRI report which is now complete. Final approval is expected by mid-July by ASME following which it will be published and publicized.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Dick Magee reported on his trip to Brussels to discuss the Umea (Swedish) program. He indicated that this activity is almost wound down but not in a manner totally satisfactory to him. He indicated that the environmental attacks are continuing in Europe. He also mentioned an ECVM report in which sources contribute to dioxin which should be available to us shortly.

Ron McCreedy then talked about the EcoBalance LCA which was due to start June 1 and be completed by December 1. A great deal of concern was expressed by the group, specifically, John Svalander and Bill Carroll, about the contractor and the goals of this project. After further discussion, it was decided that we would not go forward with an EcoBalance contract.

Don Goodman talked about the VOC alert. He feels this will be a potential problem in 1995. A report has just been completed on polyethylene at a cost of \$120,000. He will coordinate with Pat Toner and the respective SPI Divisions, such as the Plastics Pipe Institute and the Vinyl Siding Institute. It was agreed that we would contact Lou Maresca of Geon for assistance in this area.

There followed a special report by Lou Maresca concerning the dioxin effect on the endocrine system. It was agreed to distribute this report to the Technical Committee (Done).

The Action Register has been essentially completed and will be reestablished at the next meeting.

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There being no further business, the next meeting was scheduled for September 20, 1994 at the new office of the Vinyl Institute in Morristown, NJ from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

The meeting was then adjourned at 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Rob

Robert H. Burnett
Executive Director

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TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - STATUS OF EXPENDITURES

	<u>Actual Through April</u>	<u>Balance To End Of FY 93-94</u>	<u>Total</u>
NSF Contract (Kansas Pipe)	\$12,500	\$ -	\$ 12,500
Chem Risk	5,219	-	5,219
California EIR	20,000	-	20,000
IFT Consulting	3,250	-	3,250
MRI Incineration Proposal	52,780	-	52,780
Compendium and Literature	-	10,000	10,000
New HCl Removal Technology	-	10,000	10,000
Corrosion Hazard Assessment	-	76,000	76,000
VCM Cancer Risk Factor Project	-	20,000	20,000
Solvent Cement Project	10,000	-	10,000
Swedish Incineration Studies	-	10,000	10,000
Flamm.Liq./Plastic Containers	300	-	300
Geon Company	1,028	-	1,028
ASTM D0921	6,000	-	6,000
EMPS Consultant (1/3 portion)	198	-	198
ACSH	30,000	-	30,000
Amer. Soc. of Mechanical Eng.	10,180	-	10,180
Berens	7,990	-	7,990
TOTAL	\$159,445	\$126,000	\$285,445

BUDGET:

Swedish Incineration Studies	10,000
HCl Scrubbing and Economics	35,000
New HCl Removal Technology	10,000
Corrosion Hazard Assessment	76,000
Compendium and Literature Printing	15,000
VCM Cancer Risk Factor Project	20,000
Solvent Cement Project	10,000
Contingency	19,000
TOTAL	\$195,000