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Manufacturing Chemists Association

Minutes of Meeting

VINYL CHLORIDE RESEARCH COORDINATORS

MCA Conference Room

Washington, D. C.

November 14, 1972

PRESENT:

B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company,
A Division of The B. F. Good-
rich Company

The Dow Chemical Company

Ethyl Corporation

PPG Industries, Inc.

Shell Chemical Company

Union Carbide Corporation

MCA Staff

W. E. McCormick

T. R. Torkelson

W. E. Rinehart

Z. G. Bell, Jr.

R. L. Maycock

R. N. Wheeler

K. D. Johnson

GUEST PRESENT:

ICI Mond Division

D. M. Elliott

1. Election of Chairman

The meeting was convened at the adjournment of the session of the Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research meeting, with Dr. Johnson serving as chairman protem. In response to his call for nominations for a permanent chairman, Dr. T. R. Torkelson was nominated and elected without dissenting vote. Dr. Torkelson then assumed the chair for the remainder of the meeting.

2. Revision of Proposed Test Protocol

2.1 Selection of Exposure Levels

Consensus was achieved on a set of exposure levels that would (1) provide reasonable assurance of demonstrating a no-effects level, (2) extend high enough to constitute persuasive evidence of an adequate margin

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3. Epidemiological Studies

The Secretary was asked to solicit proposals for an industry wide epidemiological survey to determine whether or not there was an increased incidence of malignancy among workers exposed industrially to vapors of vinyl chloride monomer. The following organizations were mentioned as competent to design and perform such a study:

The Epply Institute
Stanford Research Institute
Harvard University's School of
Public Health
University of Michigan's School of
Public Health
Kettering Institute
Tabershaw Cooper.

After proposals have been received from a suitable number of offerers, the Research Coordinators will formulate a recommendation to the Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research on action to be taken.

4. Metabolic Studies

Discussions on the justifications for and design of comparative studies on the metabolism and detoxication of vinyl chloride monomer in experimental animals and man were postponed until early results from the chronic exposure studies are available for review.

5. Literary Survey

Dr. Torkelson expressed his opinion that the available literature on the toxicology and metabolism of vinyl chloride monomer was relatively limited, but offered to have the Dow library prepare a compilation. The bibliography when compiled, will be distributed to both the Research Coordinators and the Technical Task Group.

6. Schedule

The Research Coordinators expressed their hope that the animal exposure program could be started as soon

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