

RE: Feedback from European aromatic producers - benzene project

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I totally agree with Ken that we need to select an advisory committee asap. For the same reason and others, I would not recommend Rich Irons as the hematologist. Professor John M. Bennett from the Medical Oncology Division of University of Rochester may be a possible candidate.

Regards,
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-----Original Message-----

From: Satin, Ken (KSAT) [mailto:KSAT@chevrontexaco.com]

Sent: Wednesday, June 18, 2003 3:54 PM

To: Urbanus Jan; Bloemen, Louis (LJ); Tsai, Shan SP SHLOIL-SHLOIL-HE; Hommes, Kees CW SI-HE/2

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I am in favor of a hematologist being on the adv committee. one concern about Rich Irons is that he is receiving funding as part of the Shanghai study which is sponsored by an oil industry-chemical industry coalition and we don't want to compromise his objectivity.

the advisory cmt should be brought in as soon as possible. if practical, they can review the materials we've prepared to date and make sure the elements of the review and the criteria to select a contractor are appropriate and comprehensive. At the latest, the cmt must be convened in time to review the protocol the contractor develops for the project.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Urbanus Jan [mailto:jan.urbanus@concawe.be]

Sent: Tuesday, June 17, 2003 2:05 AM

To: Bloemen, Louis (LJ); Satin, Ken (KSAT); Tsai, Shan SP SHLOIL-SHLOIL-HE; Hommes, Kees CW SI-HE/2

Subject: Feedback from European aromatic producers - benzene project

Gents,

Please find below an extract from the minutes of the recent science group meeting of the European aromatic producers association for information. What is your view on the issues raised, in particular with regard to haematology? And at what stage do we involve the scientific advisors?

Kind regards,

Jan Urbanus
Concawe

1. META ANALYSIS OF BENZENE EPIDEMIOLOGICAL DATA

J Urbanus, on the phone, explained the project: the goal is more to understand why recent epidemiological studies of petroleum distribution workers reach different results than the earlier ones; it is not a meta-analysis for the time being. The Concawe science council already supports the project and a participation of 10 000 € is sought from APA. Three bodies would be established to support the project:

- * A task force to prepare the detailed scope of the project and write the call for tender
- * A scientific advisory board
- * A liaison group, with representatives of the funding organisations

The slides used for the presentation mention the names of the persons already foreseen as members of these different bodies, and J Urbanus explained shortly the CV of each person mentioned. Several names were mentioned as suitable additional persons to participate: Frank Christian, Mike Claydon, Richard Iron, Robert Schnyder etc. The list of the participants to each body is not fixed yet. The participation of a haematologist is considered worthwhile. J Urbanus intend to contact the potential contractants in June.

It was agreed that APA would sponsor the project with 10 000 €; names of potential participants will be given; C Gilliard will act as the liaison agent.