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Shanghai Health Study Update

Announcements:

- Please register for the 2005 SHS Annual Meeting. The registration form is posted on the SHS Update page under the 2005 SHS Annual Meeting heading. Please e-mail the registration form directly to Matt Todd and contact the Ritz-Carlton directly to arrange for your stay.
- The 2005 SHS Annual Meeting draft agenda is posted on the SHS Update page.
- The Communications Committee has scheduled a conference call on July 11th at 3PM EDT.
- The Technical Committee has scheduled a conference call on August 25th at 11 AM EDT.
- The final minutes from the Oversight Committee conference calls (July 27th, 28th, and 30th) will be posted on the Oversight page upon receipt.
- If you have any announcements that you would like to be posted, please send an email to Matt Todd.

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SHANGHAI HEALTH STUDY

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July 18, 2005

Dear Dr. Mehlman,

As chair of the Shanghai Health Study Oversight Committee, it has come to my attention that you sent letters to various executives of the companies sponsoring the study. This independent scientific study being conducted in Shanghai, China is sponsored by a group of companies who have a strong commitment to public health, safety and product stewardship. With the Shanghai Health Study, the sponsors seek to advance the medical and scientific knowledge about any disease process or potential health risk from exposure to benzene

Continued scientific investigation is recognized by the scientific and medical communities as the basis for effective assessments of the toxicity and potential health risk of substances such as benzene. The present study was designed by preeminent scientists independent of the sponsoring companies and is being conducted by Principal Investigators who are research scientists at Fudan University in Shanghai, the University of Colorado Health Services Center and Applied Health Sciences, an independent research firm in San Francisco. The research is being overseen by scientific and ethics review panels composed of 14 world-renowned, independent experts in relevant field.

The independent Principal Investigators conducting the study have full responsibility for the research as well as conclusions that may be drawn from the data when the study is completed. It is my understanding that upon completion the researchers intend to submit study findings for publication in peer-reviewed scientific journals.

Sincerely,

Patsy Clegg