

VCM AND PVC PRODUCERS GROUP

STEERING COMMITTEE

SPI Conference Room
New York, New York

April 15, 1976
10:30 a.m.

ATTENDEES:

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1. Mr. Harding reported that acknowledgements to Mr. Fath's nominating Dr. Ross Adams as Chairman indicated that his chairmanship was accepted unanimously.
2. Dr. Adams asked for an open discussion on the future activities of the Producers Group.

It was agreed that the group would continue to function in response to needs with the pending FDA and EPA regulations. However, disbanding the group would be considered as soon as all current issues were considered to be under control. It is possible that disbanding might be possible by the end of 1976.

Ross Adams listed the current issues and the continuing needs as follows:

- FDA - long-term needs might be handled by SPI's Food Drug and Cosmetic Packaging Committee.
- OSHA - can be handled by individual companies.
- EPA - existing committee should continue activities as needed.
- Action Program - should continue present committee's activities.
- Health - should continue under reconstituted Health Committee.
- Finance - monitoring of financial operations should be continued by Firestone.

It was agreed that immediate future issues would align as follows:

- Health and Medical
- Economics/Risk Benefit
- Technical - engineering considerations
- Action Program - Legislative and PR.

3. OSHA Issues

It was noted that OSHA has not granted variances on any requests. No other issues were discussed.

4. EPA Issues

Jerry Heckman reported that EPA has 180 days to issue its standard. This would come on June 24, 1976. However, October 1976 is EPA's estimate on regulation issuance due to heavy backlog. Compliance would come 90 days after Regulation goes into F.R. Individual companies can ask for a waiver of up to two years.

5. FDA Issues

Jerry Heckman reported that FDA staff has not completed its technical review of the SPI December 19th filing. They hope to have a draft regulation by the end of June.

6. Action Program

Mr. Downey reported the following:

- Goals are still valid.
- Question of timing - took time to get qualified teams.
- Newsletter - can be started soon.
- Background Position Paper - ready to go (copy attached).
- First Editorial briefing next week - Atlanta and Tampa.
- Legislative action program - will be expedited to get full response from all companies.

NOTE: It was requested that a full review of action committee program be presented at the next meeting as first item on the agenda.

7. Health Issues

Ross Adams has picked up Mitch Zavon's log of health studies on VCM. He has asked CIIT if they could eventually take over.

Karl Hockschwender of BASF will be attending the CEFIC meeting on behalf of U. S. producers. It was agreed that the VCM/PVC Producers Group will pick up half of his air fare.

8. Financial

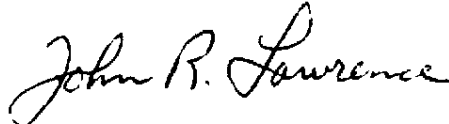
Statement of financial status through February 1976 and estimated expenditures through September 30, 1976 were distributed (copies attached). Mr. Heckman will phase Mr. Ruckelshaus' activities down. Legal questions should not be directed to Ruckelshaus by individual companies.

Again, it was stated that it is intended to terminate VCM/PVC Producers Group by year end - additional expenses of \$150 - \$200,000 may be required. Additional assessments will not be considered until the next meeting of the Steering Committee.

Mr. Harding reviewed the report from Mr. McGrath indicating a shortage of \$5,100 on the work done in developing feeding study protocol for FDA. It was agreed that this would be paid by the VCM/PVC Producers Group.

9. The tentative date for the next meeting of the Steering Committee is July 22, 1976.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John R. Lawrence". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

John R. Lawrence
Technical Director