



CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

cc: J. Ledwith

VRD 0002029801

December 2, 1993

Donald Whorton
ENSR Health Sciences
1320 Harbor Bay Parkway
Alameda, CA 94501

Dear Don:

The Chemical Manufacturers Association contracted with the Environmental Health Associates in 1982, 1984, and 1987 to update an epidemiology study of vinyl chloride workers. The agreement numbers and their execution dates are as follows:

VC 9.0-EPI-EHA	March 11, 1982
VC 10.0	April 9, 1984
VC 11.0-EHA	October 21, 1987

Subsequent to these agreements, EHA merged with ENSR Health Sciences. CMA currently is considering a further update of, "An Update of an Epidemiologic Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers, 1942-1982".

In order for CMA to make its final decision to update the study to 1992, we need the following information from you:

1. Have all data been transferred from EHA to ENSR on the above-referenced studies? If yes, are these data easily retrievable for a further update?
2. Will raw data submitted by participating companies from the CMA sponsored studies be available to CMA or participating companies either in hard copy form or on computer disk?
3. Did ENSR or EHA enter into any confidentiality agreements with NDI, SSAN or individual states which would prohibit ENSR from sharing fact or cause of death information on cohort members with CMA or individual companies?
4. How many cohort members were actively employed in areas of vinyl chloride exposure as of December 31, 1982? Would it be possible for you to prepare a table showing the distribution of these workers by plant identification number?
5. Can you provide a listing of 37 plant sites with the identification of the companies and the plant identification numbers, if not confidential?

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cc: J. Ledvina

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Vinyl Chloride Panel
Research Coordinators
Record of Conference Call

DATE: December 9, 1993
TIME: 11:00 a.m.

List of Participants:

Greg Bond	Dow Chemical
Bob Grahek	GEON
Mark Gruenwald	Borden
James Knaak	Occidental Chemical
Joe Ledvina	Vista
Earl Nestman	CanTox
Dave Penney	Vista
David Pun	Formosa Plastics

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- 1.0 VCRC discussed the draft Can-Tox comments on ATSDR Priority Data Needs for vinyl chloride. Dr. Earl Nestman will revise the draft based on comments received. The final report from Can-Tox is expected by December 31, 1993.
- 2.0 VCRC members will submit their comments on the Interpretive Review of the Potential Adverse Effects of Chlorinated Organic Chemicals on Human Health and the Environment directly to the Chlorine Chemistry Council.
- 3.0 Dr. Shah reviewed the VCRC activities regarding an update of the vinyl chloride epidemiology study. Mr. Greg Bond confirmed that the National Death Index now is current with deaths through 1992. Dr. Shah reviewed the information requested from ENSR to help the VCRC make its decision on further updating, "An Update of an Epidemiology Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers, 1942-1982." The information was requested from Donald Whorton on December 2 with a response request date of January 14, 1994.
- 4.0 The VCRC will meet on February 14, 1994 at 10:00 a.m. The meeting will be held at the CMA offices in Washington, D.C.

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Hasmukh C. Shah, Ph.D.
Manager, Vinyl Chloride Panel

Subject to Approval