

## Manufacturing Chemists' Association, Inc.

## Minutes of Meeting

## ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

MCA Conference Room Washington, D. C.

October 19, 1966

MEMBERS PRESENT

J. H. Sterner, M.D., Chairman  
E. J. Bock, Vice Chairman  
C. U. Dernehl, M.D.  
J. T. Gormally  
A. L. Kling  
J. H. Rook  
T. C. Runion  
Carstens Slack (AM only)  
Jerome Wilkenfeld  
J. A. Zapp, Jr.  
George E. Best, Secretary

Eastman Kodak Company  
Monsanto Company  
Union Carbide Corporation  
Pennsalt Chemicals Corporation  
Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation  
American Cyanamid Company  
W. R. Grace & Co.  
Phillips Petroleum Company  
Hooker Chemical Corporation  
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.  
MCA Staff

ASSOCIATE MEMBER PRESENT

H. W. Fisher

Standard Oil Company (New Jersey)

GUESTS PRESENT

F. H. Carman (AM only)  
G. J. Hawkins (AM only)  
R. C. Johnson (AM only)  
A. E. Settle  
F. G. Stephenson (AM only)

MCA Staff  
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MEMBERS ABSENT

E. M. Adams  
C. K. Banks  
C. F. Hagan  
Cleveland Lane

The Dow Chemical Company  
M&T Chemicals Inc.  
Chas. Pfizer & Co., Inc.  
Goodrich-Gulf Chemicals, Inc.

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Note: Subjects not necessarily discussed in the order  
in which they appear in these minutes.

1. Minutes of August 9, 1966 Meeting

The minutes were declared approved as distributed.

2. Membership

Messrs. Kling and Runion were welcomed as new members, representing the Safety and Fire Protection Committee and the Nuclear Committee, respectively.

3. Terms of Reference

The secretary reported that the Board of Directors approved the recommended change to appoint members-at-large for three-year terms instead of for indefinite tenure. The revised Terms of Reference incorporating this change are attached to these minutes.

4. Liaison with MCA Board of Directors - H. W. Fisher

Mr. Fisher noted that all of the recommendations from the August 9, 1966 EHAC meeting have been approved by the Board of Directors. He also mentioned that there was no criticism of the draft survey forms concerning air and water pollution and solid wastes, with hope expressed that the survey would proceed as rapidly as possible.

5. MCA Semi-Annual Meeting

Mr. Fisher gave the following particulars regarding a panel within the environmental health area scheduled for the Semi-Annual Meeting on November 22, for which he will serve as moderator:

Title: Governmental Coordination in Water Resources Management

Speakers: Representative Robert E. Jones (Alabama)  
Henry P. Caulfield, Executive Director, Water  
Resources Council  
Mitchell Wendell, Counsel, Council of State Governments

6. MCA Environmental Health Program

6.1 Public Information Program

Reporting for Mr. Lane, Mr. Settle commented on consideration of this matter at the October meeting of the Executive Committee, resulting in its approval. He reported that Edward Howard & Co. (Cleveland, Ohio) has been chosen to carry out the program, and that

a formal letter of agreement is under development. He spoke of the importance of technical review of informational materials as they are being prepared, and his intention to set up a workable arrangement for this purpose with the technical committees.

#### 6.2 Chemical Industry Survey on Air and Water Pollution Control and Solid Wastes Disposal

Under date of September 28, members were mailed working draft copies of survey report forms which will be put out to MCA member companies. Messrs. Rook and Wilkenfeld commented briefly, indicating that refinement of the forms is in progress by the Air Quality and Water Resources Committees.

#### 6.3 Future Planning

Hope was expressed that individual committee proposals would be forthcoming by the end of the month, or at least in time for consideration at the next EHAC meeting.

Mr. Wilkenfeld furnished copies of an outline he prepared for use within his company indicating environmental data proposed to be obtained for each of the company's products.

#### 7. Polyvinyl Chloride Resins

Dr. Dernehl reviewed a special meeting of polyvinyl chloride resin manufacturers held on October 6 to discuss medical observations of terminal bone lesions in the fingers of certain employees, apparently associated with polyvinyl chloride resins production. This matter was brought to attention by B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company, the meeting having been held under the auspices of the MCA Occupational Health Committee. Subsequently, recommendations for in-plant medical studies, industry-sponsored toxicological research (possibly \$100,000), and an open symposium -- summer 1967 if technical findings justify it by that time -- were taken to the Executive Committee. These recommendations were favorably received, and the Occupational Health Committee was requested to proceed with plans, subject to future approval.

#### 8. Atomic Energy Commission - Record Keeping on Radiation Workers' Exposure

Mr. Runion prefaced remarks on legislative developments by some statistics on the rapidly increasing rate of nuclear power generation and the cumulative character of radiation exposure. On this account the Atomic Energy Commission sponsored the introduction

of legislation that would provide Federal funds to states for keeping appropriate records of workers' exposure, as a factor related to Workmen's Compensation. He stated hearings brought out that the nature of the record keeping originally proposed was too extensive and ambitious to be practical. He characterized a revised bill introduced early in September as perhaps being inadequate, and said that the matter was being deferred to the next session of Congress because of insufficient time for resolution before adjournment.

9. Next Meeting

The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, November 16, 1966, beginning at 9 AM in New York City -- American Cyanamid offices, Time & Life Building.

10. Liaison with Chemical Industry Council Advisory Committee

Those in attendance enjoyed a pleasant lunch and afternoon discussion with the Chemical Industry Council Advisory Committee. As CICAC chairman Mr. A. A. Boehm emphasized the "grass roots" level of CIC activities and the desire to make them as effective as possible in environmental health progress. Dr. Sterner traced the organization and development of EHAC with emphasis on its planning and coordination function. Discussion pointed up the mutual benefits to be derived from good communication between the two groups, and Mr. Boehm felt it might be useful to have EHAC representatives meet with individual CICs as opportunity arises.

*George E. Best*  
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Secretary

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Minutes subject to approval  
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