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The enclosed does not accurately
reflect my conversation with ENSR
through Don Whorton. I will call
you on Monday to discuss this with
Ken and you.



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Dear Dr. Shah:

ENSR has undertaken the work to transfer the study records for the CMA Vinyl Chloride Study which ENSR has done previously for CMA. We have researched our off site storage records, have retrieved these records, have reviewed other records which were deemed not to belong to this study and have transferred the appropriate records to Applied Epidemiology, Inc. (AEI) per your request. During this search, ENSR has not been able to locate the death certificates for this study. ENSR had also researched its files of data tapes and have found the master file for the study.

Because of agreements made between ENSR and various states and jurisdictions regarding confidentiality of death certificates, CMA has requested in writing from each state with such an agreement to allow ENSR to transfer the respective death certificates to Applied Epidemiology, Inc. Forty-two states were identified that needed a written agreement to allow ENSR to transmit the death certificate information. CMA has obtained agreements from most but not all of these states as follows:

Group B: ENSR can provide state file number, dates and death and names to companies or CMA

Agreed in writing for direct release from ENSR to AEI

Colorado
Georgia
Idaho
Indiana
Kentucky
New Mexico
Oregon
South Carolina

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West Virginia

Wisconsin

Wyoming

Not yet responded

Louisiana

Maine

Rhode Island

Would not agree (verbal message)

New York State

Group C: States that originally stated that CMA had to write and request new death certificates and pay a new fee

Agreed to release directly from ENSR to AEI

Arizona

Arkansas

Delaware

Kansas

Michigan

Mississippi

New Hampshire

New Jersey

North Carolina

North Dakota

Pennsylvania

Puerto Rico

South Dakota

Tennessee

Texas

Utah

Virginia

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Not yet responded

Alabama
Florida
Missouri
Montana
Oklahoma

Would not agree (verbal message)

New York City

Group D: Those without specific information about how to handle death certificates

Agreed to release directly from ENSR to AEI

Hawaii
Nebraska
Vermont

ENSR originally agreed with CMA to review the death certificates and delete the information regarding the death from those states that did not agree to transfer the data. ENSR was then to provide AEI with the name and state file number so that AEI could obtain the death certificates from the respective state.

Based on discussions with the various states that have not yet responded in writing, you have been assured that all but New York City and New York State will agree with the death certificate transfer.

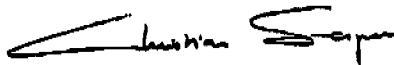
Without the death certificates, ENSR cannot delete the specific deaths from the states that will not agree to the transfer process. The data tapes do not list state or location of death so there is no feasible method to separate the data. CMA understands that ENSR cannot do with what it does not have. CMA wants this study to be completed; thus, CMA is authorizing ENSR to release the master data file to AEI acknowledging that the wishes of some states and jurisdictions cannot be met without damaging the master data file by removing all death certificate information regarding the coded underlying causes of death.

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CMA wishes ENSR to review all offsite storage records that might possibly have these death certificates. ENSR will do so before transmitting the master data file to AEI. If the death certificates cannot be found, ENSR will transmit the master data file, as it is, to AEI. Both CMA and ENSR recognize that the former principal investigator, Otto Wong, Sc.D., opposes this transfer without the signed release forms.

Sincerely yours,



Christian Seigneur, Ph.D.
General Manager

CS:cm

cc: Donald Whorton, M.D.
Otto Wong, Sc.D.

Agreed to for CMA:

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____

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