

Occidental Chemical Corporation

TO: Attendees - 1989 VCSA Meeting

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SUBJECT: Summary of Feedback Questionnaires from Last Year's Meeting

At last year's VCSA meeting the attendees were asked to complete a questionnaire providing feedback on the individual presentations, proposed topics for next year, and comments on the arrangements/organization of the meeting. Forty one questionnaires (from nearly 2/3 of the attendees) were received.

Attachment 1 provides a summary of the evaluations and comments on the individual presentations.

Attachment 2 provides a listing of the general comments about the meeting.

Attachment 3 is a comprehensive listing of the topics suggested for future meetings.

Another feedback questionnaire will be completed by the attendees at the end of this year's meeting.


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ATTACHMENT I

1988 PRESENTATIONS - SUMMARY OF FEEDBACK QUESTIONNAIRES

1. Public Communications
 - . Well received
 - . Would like USA (or other country) experience next year
2. European Regulatory Update
 - . Well received
 - . Provide handout
 - . Emphasize new developments next year
 - . Cover impact of 1992 EEC consolidation next year
3. U. S. Regulatory Update
 - . Well received
 - . Provide handout
 - . Highlights only next year
4. Risk Communication
 - . Well received
 - . Don't repeat (unless brief update on TRCP)
 - . Not specific to PVC/VCM
5. Drug & Alcohol Program
 - . Well received
 - . Don't repeat (for one company's program)
 - . Consider survey of member companies for next year

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6. Ethylene Fire in Feed line to Oxy Reactor
 - . Well received
 - . Should have been in "true confessions"
7. OSHA Star Program
 - . Well received - new info for many attendees
 - . Don't repeat (unless brief update)
8. Emergency Reactor Kill System
 - . Mixed reception
 - . Consider survey of member companies to give update on industry operations for next year
9. EPA Litigation Update
 - . Well received by U.S. attendees; less so for non-U.S.
 - . Consider very brief update for next year (with handout)
10. VCM Containment
 - . Well received
 - . Don't repeat (unless review of Formosa's operating problems etc.)
11. Quality Control of Safety Equipment
 - . Mixed reception
 - . Consider survey of member companies for next year
12. Vinyl Institute Presentation
 - . Generally well received
 - . Too long
 - . Condense next year's presentation to highlights
 - . Handout well received

13. Angiosarcoma Registry Update

- . Generally well received
- . Much too long/hard to follow
- . Less medical details
- . Need handout
- . Condense next year's presentation to highlights

14. True Confessions

- . Very well received; attendees consider this the heart of the meeting
- . Consider a more standardized format
- . Consider renaming "case studies"
- . Consider broader definition to include:
 1. Near misses
 2. Situations not necessarily associated with incidents

ATTACHMENT 2

GENERAL COMMENTS

1. Have speaker announce at start of talk if he has handouts.
2. Try to provide copies of slides, copy of complete presentation or outline/abstract for all presentations.
3. Move "true confessions" session to earlier in the meeting so it can serve as a catalyst/thought-stimulator.
4. Redirect thrust of meeting back to more "nuts & bolts" safety/environmental issues
5. Furnish name tags for attendees on first day
6. Provide blank overheads and pens for on-the-spot drawings etc.

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ATTACHMENT3

PROPOSED FUTURE TOPICS

1. Waste handling/PVC disposal
2. Changes in the labor force
3. Thickness testing on metals in critical services
4. Survey on shortstop systems
5. Materials of construction/corrosion experiences
6. Survey on gasket materials
7. Detection systems for fugitive VCM emissions
8. Waste water treatment
9. VCM incineration
10. Superfund project experience
11. PVC dust exposure programs
12. Legal aspects of drug testing
13. Resin dust explosions
14. Tattletales on RD/RV systems
15. Impact of TCLP/TOC regulations
16. Environmental audits
17. Hurricane preparation
18. Specifications for valves, pumps etc. in VCM service
19. VCM emissions reported under SARA (Title III)
20. Survey on progress in reducing VCM emissions
21. Erosion testing/prevention of erosion
22. Performance of seal-less pumps in VCM service
23. Survey on company drug programs
24. Innovative company safety programs

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