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MINUTES OF MEETING SAFETY AND FIRE PROTECTION COMMITTEE Chemists' Club, New York City December 11, 1963

PRESENT

G. G. Fleming, Chairman	Celanese Corporation of America
A. L. Cobb, Vice Chairman	Eastman Kodak Company
R. H. Albisser	Merck & Co., Inc.
L. W. Boulton	Polymer Corporation Limited
A. H. Christian	American Viscose Division, FMC Corp.
P. C. Folse	Socony Mobil Oil Company
G. L. Gorbell	Monsanto Chemical Company
J. Guelich	General Chemical Div., Allied Chemical Corporation
J. A. Hawthorne	National Lead Company
A. L. Kling	Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation
S. M. MacCutcheon	The Dow Chemical Company
J. S. Queener	E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Inc.
W. S. Wood	Sun Oil Company
F. G. Stephenson, Secretary	Manufacturing Chemists' Association

GUEST

N. D. Griswold	The Dow Chemical Company
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ABSENT

F. E. Macaulay	Wyandotte Chemicals
S. F. Spence	American Cyanamid Company
N. G. White	Shell Chemical Company

Chairman G. G. Fleming opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m.

- Minutes of the September 24, 1963 meeting were approved subject to the following amendment:

Page 238 Item 10 change "The chairman then appointed the following subcommittee to prepare the new edition" to "The chairman then appointed the following subcommittee to coordinate the preparation of the new edition".

Mr. Kling advised the group that a few chemical companies have maintained contact with fire insurance companies on an individual basis and undertook to give a further report at the next meeting.

5. MCA Semi-annual Meeting Panel on "Organization for Emergency."

It was generally agreed that the panel had done a very commendable job but that an attendance of 60-70 did not justify the work involved.

6. Revision of "Guide for Safety in the Chemical Laboratory"

Mr. A. H. Christian reported that the subcommittee will meet with a representative of the publisher, D. Van Nostrand Co., Inc., in New York on January 6. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the scope and objectives of the revised edition and to agree on procedure.

7. Safety Publications

Chemical Safety Data Sheets

(a) New sheets in preparation

Methyl Chloroform	-	S. M. MacCutcheon
Paranitroaniline	-	G. L. Gorbell
Beryllium	-	Brush Beryllium Co.

(b) Revisions

SD-4 Phenol - in galley proof stage
 SD-31 Acrylonitrile - draft ready for distribution
 SD-30 Sodium Cyanide - draft to be distributed
 SD-29 Ethyl Ether - draft to be distributed
 SD-13 Ammonia Aqua - A. L. Cobb
 SD-18 Ethylene Dichloride - A. L. Kling
 SD-21 Nitrobenzene - S. F. Spence
 SD-22 Methanol - G. G. Fleming
 SD-23 Calcium Carbide - S. F. Spence
 SD-24 Perchlorethylene - S. M. MacCutcheon
 SD-26 Phosphorus Oxychloride - G. L. Gorbell
 SD-27 Phosphorus Trichloride - G. L. Gorbell
 SD-28 Phosphoric Anhydride - G. L. Gorbell
 SD-11 Perchloric Acid - J. Guelich
 SD-12 Carbon Disulfide

The proposal was discussed in some detail. Material of this nature is ~~currently~~ available from the National Safety Council. In any event, it was thought desirable to limit such an activity to the chemical aspects of off-the-job safety. There is too some question as to whether company managements are prepared to support such a program because of the possibility of it being interpreted as interference with the private lives of employees. The chairman appointed a subcommittee of Mr. Albisser and Mr. Spence to make a recommendation at the next meeting as to the development of the off-the-job safety program.

7. 35 mm Slide Visual Aid Safety Program

Mr. Kling was unable to be present to report on the activities of the subcommittee.

Slides and commentaries are being prepared covering two or three "sample" subjects. Mr. Cobb stated that he is preparing slides and commentaries dealing with "tank entry" and with "tag and lockout" and hopes this material will be ready for showing at the next meeting.

Mr. Queener and Mr. Guelich demonstrated slides and systems for possible use in this visual aid program.

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Phosgene	-	E. N. Deck, General Electric Co.

Revisions

SD-4, Phenol - published March 1964
 SD-31, Acrylonitrile - final draft being completed
 SD-30, Sodium Cyanide - draft to be distributed
 SD-29, Ethyl Ether - draft to be distributed

Other drafts in preparation

SD-13	Ammonia Aqua
SD-18	Ethylene Dichloride
SD-21	Nitrobenzene
SD-22	Methanol
SD-23	Calcium Carbide
SD-24	Perchloroethylene