

Manufacturing Chemists Association

Minutes of Meeting

VINYL CHLORIDE RESEARCH COORDINATORS

MCA Conference Room

Washington, D. C.

May 21, 1973

MEMBERS PRESENT:

T. R. Torkelson, CHAIRMAN	The Dow Chemical Company
T. R. Aalto for Marvin Rosen	Tenneco Chemicals, Inc.
Z. G. Bell, Jr.	PPG Industries, Inc.
F. J. Doyle for A. B. Lindquist	Stauffer Chemical Company
M. N. Johnson, M. D.	The B. F. Goodrich Company
Flynt Kennedy	Continental Oil Company
W. A. Knapp	Allied Chemical Corporation
R. W. McBurney, M. D.	Diamond Shamrock Corporation
W. W. Madden	Firestone Plastics Company
R. L. Maycock	Shell Chemical Company
W. E. Rinehart	Ethyl Corporation
W. M. Smith	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
R. N. Wheeler	Union Carbide Corporation

OBSERVERS PRESENT:

C. H. Dernehl, M. D.	Union Carbide Corporation
D. P. Duffield, M. D.	ICI, Mond Division
W. S. Ferguson	Allied Chemical Corporation
D. A. Rausch	The Dow Chemical Company
B. M. G. Zwicker	B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company

MCA STAFF PRESENT:

B. M. Barackman	MCA
A. C. Clark	MCA
K. D. Johnson	MCA

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The meeting was called to develop recommendations of the Task Group with regard to a proposed presentation of data to the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health and a discussion with them of occupational health hazards associated with vinyl chloride.

The initial discussion centered around such a conference, and the timing therefor. Tacit approval of such a concept had been assumed from the lack of unfavorable response to the MCA letter of March 26, 1973, and this judgment was confirmed by telephone discussions with major producers. Final action of the management contacts regarding the presentation is not contemplated until they have received and studied the recommendations of the Technical Task Group on Vinyl Chloride Research.

A significant element for consideration by the Task Group was the development of an alternate presentation in the event that the release of European data cannot be negotiated with reasonable dispatch. All present agreed that, if at all possible, such release be secured before the proposed NIOSH conference, so that this information can be included.

Staff counsel briefed the Task Group on their responsibilities and obligations under the confidentiality agreements now operative between MCA and the sponsors of the present project on the one hand, and the European group on the other. In brief, his admonishments were to the effect that absent permission from the European group, we should not volunteer reference to the European project or substantive data derived therefrom, but that, in response to direct inquiry, we could not deny awareness of the project and knowledge concerning certain preliminary results.

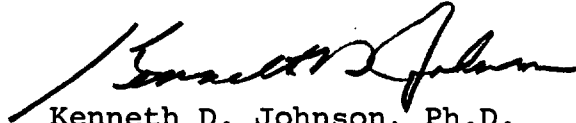
The scope of the proposed conference was discussed at length. The Task Group proposed to present published industry production and use data in terms of quantities involved, without a breakdown by percentages of the various uses, and without attempting to account for minor uses or losses. Attention is to be focused on monomer production and the manufacture of polymers, and on the occupational health hazards associated with these operations. It was judged that possible consumer safety and

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related potential hazards would not be pertinent to a presentation to NIOSH which is concerned with employee health matters.

The proposed discussion outline distributed with the meeting notice next received the attention of the Task Group. A revised outline; amended to reflect the technical recommendations of the Task Group, was subsequently edited by your Chairman and distributed under separate cover.

Respectfully submitted,


Kenneth D. Johnson, Ph.D.
Secretary

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July 6, 1973
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