CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

Occupational Safety and Health Committee
Minutes of Meeting

CMA Terrace Conference A & B
2501 M Street, NW
Washington, DC

Thursday
November 8, 1984
9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Attendees	Company
Harry Eschenbach (Chairman)	W.R. Grace & Company
Richard Allen	Exxon Chemical Americas
Claire Baughman	CIBA-GEIGY Corporation
John Dougherty, MD (part-time)	Celanese Corporation
Thomas Evans	Monsanto Company
James K. Filan, MD	The Procter & Gamble Company
William Fishbeck, MD	Dow Chemical USA
John Fossett	Velsicol Chemical Corporation
Luckey Heath	Stauffer Chemical Company
James Norwood	Air Products & Chemicals
Ensor Rodriguez, MD	ARCO Chemical Company
Frank Scherber	Olin Corporation
Ronald Van Mynen	Union Carbide Corporation
Absent	
Gary Sunshine (Vice Chairman)	ICI Americas Inc.
Claude Irwin	Phillips Chemical Company
Paul Nees	Occidental Chemical Corporation
CMA Staff	
Milton Freifeld	
Claire Boccella	
Robin Hertz	

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Action

84/16 The Health Standards Task Group will rewrite the draft CMA position on cytogenetic screening. Fishbeck

84/17 Negotiate a contract with Dr. David H. Wegman to review the isocyanate portion of the ASPER report. Freifeld

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The meeting was convened at 9:00 a.m.

1. Minutes of the Meeting, September 11, 1984

These were approved as distributed.

2. OSHC Goals FY 85/86

The seven goals, further refined by the Planning Group, were approved by the Committee and will become part of the Annual Report to the Board of Directors.

3. Budget - FY 84/85 and FY 85/86

FY 84/85

Of the $80,000 budgeted this year, approximately $13,500 has been spent or committed to date. The Committee is considering projects for the balance of the funds dealing with evaluation of tests for reproductive hazards and a critique of the Second National Occupational Exposure Survey.

FY 85/86

The Committee approved requesting funding for the following projects:

1) Try to extend NTP activities beyond carcinogenicity screening $30,000
(This completes action item 84/15)

2) Critique NOES-II reports	$60,000
3) Address real vs. imagined workplace hazards	$33,000
4) Design breathing air purification system	$50,000
Total:	$173,000

The Committee discussed a proposal by J. Dougherty to study exposure-related disability. The first step, the Committee thought, should be to set up a work group in the Health Standards Task Group to study the feasibility of developing a protocol and conducting a pilot study among member companies before making a decision about a full-scale study. Hence, this project is not ready for next year's budget request.

4. EPA/OSHA Overlap

A Memorandum of Understanding between the two agencies is expected covering regulation of the workplace but has not yet appeared.

5. Task Group Reports

5.1 Communication & Education

The Committee approved a draft letter to OSH contacts offering them the opportunity to participate in an exchange of education information among CMA members.

Development of a program based on the theme of real vs. imagined hazards in the workplace remains a top priority of this task group.

5.2 Health Standards

5.2.1 - ASPER Reports

The Committee accepted Dr. Selikoff's paper on asbestos, the most recent in the series of ASPER reviews, assuming that he agrees to relatively minor changes we have proposed.

CMA is negotiating a contract with Dr. Wegman to critique the toluene diisocyanate portion of the ASPER report. When ready, this will complete the reviews expected from contractors. J. Dougherty will then prepare an introduction for all of the ASPER reviews and, after OSHC approval, we will distribute the package to those who received the original ASPER report along with a copy of it. This completes action item 84/7.

5.2.2 - Reproductive Hazards

The Reproductive Hazards Work Group (RHWG) proposed to determine the feasibility of pooling member company data to study human reproductive outcomes and the Committee approved.

R. Hertz reported on a visit of RHWG members to CDC to discuss their surveillance system for reproductive outcomes. CDC requested CMA's help in promoting their surveillance system to individual states. This would help ensure high quality data that can be pooled. The work group will propose a response to this request.

5.2.3 - Noise

The Health Standards Task Group has asked the Noise Work Group to reconsider its proposed criterion for recording occupational hearing loss. The task group was concerned that the criterion could allow recording of some hearing losses due to medical causes not related to work and that it should include a definition of "professional opinion". The Committee concurred.

5.2.4 - Neurobehavioral Effects

R. Lippin is forming a work group on this subject with appropriate disciplines represented.

5.2.5 - Exposure-Related Disability Study

The Committee recommended that HSTG set up a work group to study the feasibility of developing a protocol and conducting a pilot study on exposure-related disability, as suggested by J. Dougherty

5.2.6 - OTA Mutagenicity Project

M. Freifeld reported that the Office of Technology Assessment is in the process of assembling an advisory panel on mutagenicity.

5.2.7 - Cancer Policy

The Committee charged this work group with drafting comments on the expected EPA guidelines on carcinogenic risk assessment.

5.3 Process Safety Analysis

J. Norwood reported that the group's fifth draft of its report on Process Hazard Management will be revised again taking into account suggestions by C. Boccella. When ready, the report will be submitted for approval to OSHC and the Engineering Advisory Committee.

The work shop program on Process Safety Management planned for May 7-8, 1985, in the Washington area is under development.

5.4 Right to Know

The Committee is willing to try a proposal that a Joint RTK Task Group be set up reporting to OSHC on policy matters and to the State Affairs Committee regarding advocacy. The

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group will include members with both technical and government relations expertise. In preparation for this move, the OSHC Task Group on RTK and its Work Groups on Federal, State, and Community Activities will be sunset shortly.

5.5 Safety Standards

CMA commended OSHA for its well-written draft standards on ladders and scaffolds (October 12, 1984). This completes action item 84/11.

5.6 Control Technology

Task group leader, J. Schroy is a member of an ad hoc committee reviewing the contractor (JRB) report to OSHA on the technically feasible limits for controlling benzene exposure. The ad hoc committee expects to reach a consensus before the hearings begin in January.

5.7 Revision of ANSI Z129.1-1982 on Labeling

CMA has the secretariat for this standard which should be revised every five years, in accord with ANSI requirements. The American Conference on Chemical Labeling considered undertaking the project of revising the standard but finally decided against it. Hence, an OSHC task group is being formed under the leadership of Dow's Thayre Talcott to update the standard. This completes action item 84/18.

6. Guest Speaker - Anthony Goldin, OSHA, Director of Policy

A. Goldin reviewed the functions and structure of OSHA's Policy Office. He indicated that his office is working on the EPA/OSHA overlap.

7. Liaison

7.1 ANSI

H. Eschenbach has agreed to be CMA's representative and G. Sunshine the alternate to ANSI's Health and Safety Standards Board.

7.2 AOMA

E. Rodriguez reported that many CMA positions could be offered for AOMA endorsement.

7.3 ASTM

Committee E-34 on Occupational Health & Safety is undergoing reexamination and reorganization, said M. Freifeld. This group is also proceeding with plans to present a symposium on hazard communication at their March meeting in Houston.

7.4 IAG

C. Boccella said a joint group of experts from IAG, AIHC, and CEFIC will try to meet and agree on criteria for classifying chronic hazards.

7.5 NIOSH

J. Filan will represent CMA at the planned NIOSH meeting May 1985 in Atlanta on that agency's ten top priorities.

7.6 NTP

P. Nees will contact top management at NTP to discuss the Committee's proposed budget project to try to extend that agency's activities beyond carcinogenicity screening.

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7.7 OSHA

T. Evans suggested that the Committee publicize openings at OSHA within CMA in an effort to fill some of these positions with people who have experience in the chemical industry.

7.8 IARC

We are still seeking a CMA representative, said M. Freifeld, for the June 1985 meeting in Lyons.

7.9 EMC Groundwater Management Task Group

This new task group under the Environmental Management Committee plans to address product aspects for which OSHC input was requested. R. Allen agreed to represent OSHC in this effort.

7.10 AAR (Association of American Railroads)

AAR has initiated a program of developing medical monographs intended as references during emergencies for hazardous chemicals moved by rail. They would like to get other associations such as ours, as well as individual companies, involved in this effort. Their aim is to have these medical monographs published by a government agency for liability and other reasons. E. Rodriguez will arrange for CMA representation on that group, expected to meet in mid-January.

8. Nominees for Government Appointments

CMA endorsed the nomination of C. Waisanen, ICI Americas, to the OSH Review Commission (October 12, 1984).

9. Next Meeting

This has been scheduled for January 10, 1985, in Washington, DC.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.

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