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October 27, 1993

Dr H. Shah
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CMA
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by fax

Dear Has:

Unfortunately, I will be unable to make the November 5 meeting. My conflicting meeting was not rescheduled although I thought it would be rescheduled when I talked to you two weeks ago.

The way I understand our position is as follows. We have been out of the business for approximately 20 years and budgets are tight - precluding spending funds on discretionary vinyl chloride efforts. Nonetheless, it is possible that our workers could be included in an update study, but it is too early to make that judgment. We would like to see the minutes of your meeting or a proposal etc. Depending on the decision of the Panel regarding the epidemiology study, I can be available on a limited basis to provide "sweat equity" related to overview of such a study and to resolve whether Monsanto workers can be included. Please keep me copied on materials from the Panel and I will try to see how we can aid your efforts.

Sincerely,

John F. Acquavella, PhD
Monsanto Fellow

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CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Vinyl Chloride Panel
Research Coordinators
Commitment Form



My company commits to contribute \$3,000 for administrative and consultant services for the Vinyl Chloride Research Coordinators Task Force. The Panel is conducted under the policies and procedures outlined in the CHEMSTAR Panel Guidelines (as noted on the reverse of this form).



While appreciating the opportunity, my company declines to participate.

We are required by law to tell you that contributions, gifts or membership dues paid to CMA are not deductible as "charitable contributions" for income tax purposes. This law does not affect the deductibility of these payments as a "business expense."

Panel Representative

Management Contact (optional)

Name (Signed)

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Title

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Please return signed form by December 31, 1993 to:

Hasmukh C. Shah, Manager
Chemical Manufacturers Association
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By accepting membership in the panel, the participating companies agree to:

- o conduct the panel according to CMA general policies and procedures as described in these Guidelines, and applicable sections of the CMA Committee Guide;
- o accept responsibility for all operating costs resulting from activities of the panel, including liabilities for errors and omissions, and litigation against the panel;
- o disclose to the CMA Office of General Counsel all potential conflicts of interest;
- o arrange for employment of any needed retained counsel and consultants through CMA, by and with the concurrence of the CMA Office of General Counsel;
- o accept CMA management and disbursement of panel funds, at the panel's direction, within the administrative and financial guidelines of the Association;
- o follow CMA procedures for release of information about the panel. (This commitment shall not preclude individuals or corporations from releasing information without CMA clearance where the law imposes such responsibility upon an individual or corporation); and,
- o make final and significant interim environmental, health and safety research results, as well as other reports having a similar impact on the public welfare, available to the public, when legally permitted. [Access to raw data is granted upon receipt of a request which documents a valid need for such data. (Requests that involve additional costs to the participating companies, and possible compensation due to such companies, are reviewed by the companies in advance of any commitment to release the raw data.)]