

Manufacturing Chemists Association

Minutes of Meeting

VINYL CHLORIDE RESEARCH COORDINATORS

Hospitality House

Arlington, Virginia

April 4, 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.
W. D. Harris	UNIROYAL, Inc.
N. V. Hendricks	Exxon Corporation
C. A. Johnson, M. D.	The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
Flynt Kennedy	Continental Oil Company
W. A. Knapp	Allied Chemical Corporation
A. B. Lindquist	Stauffer Chemical Company
R. L. Maycock	Shell Chemical Company
W. E. McCormick	B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company
W. E. Rinehart	Ethyl Corporation
George Roush, Jr., M. D.	Monsanto Company
H. L. Schmidt, Jr.	Borden Chemical/Division of Borden, Inc.
W. M. Smith	Air Products & Chemicals, Inc.
R. N. Wheeler	Union Carbide Corporation

OBSERVERS PRESENT:

R. A. Asti	Stauffer Chemical Company
J. J. Bergin	Ethyl Corporation
C. H. Dernehl, M. D.	Union Carbide Corporation
W. S. Ferguson	Allied Chemical Corporation
W. R. Gaffey	Tabershaw-Cooper Associates, Inc.
M. N. Johnson, M. D.	The B. F. Goodrich Company
D. A. Rausch	The Dow Chemical Company
B. M. G. Zwicker	B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company

MCA STAFF PRESENT:

A. C. Clark	MCA
K. D. Johnson	MCA

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1. Minutes of the Meeting of November 14, 1972

There being no corrections or additions offered to the subject minutes, they were ordered approved as distributed.

2. Amendment to Industrial BIO-TEST Laboratories, Inc. Contract

The proposed protocol for an added experiment in the Industrial BIO-TEST project, in which food, water, and bedding would be present in the cages during vinyl chloride exposure, was approved without change. The Task Group asked that the necessary authorizations be expedited as much as possible. (The test protocol of the contract amendment implementing this action is included as an appendix to these minutes.)

3. Epidemiology Project Protocols

Dr. W. R. Gaffey, of Tabershaw-Cooper Associates, Inc., presented a fuller exposition of the background, facilities, and staff competence of TCA, and explained how these would be employed in the performance of the proposed study. He stressed that only three or four TCA employees would see the raw data, thus assuring close control over confidential elements of such data. All data manipulation will be by computer, and input punch cards will be coded.

In the performance of the study, TCA will work through plant contacts designated by company managements, who will be asked to assure their full cooperation with the project. TCA will, in each instance, provide such contacts, on a timely basis, with the data and records it will require, and with the schedule for their plant visitation.

TCA was asked to submit proposed contract language, specifying with greater particularity the specific tasks to be performed under the basic contract, for review by MCA during the period required for Association approval of the project.

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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	Tenneco Chemicals, Inc.
Marvin Rosen	
Z. G. Bell, Jr.	PPG Industries, Inc.
F. J. Doyle for	Stauffer Chemical Company
A. B. Lindquist	
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

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W. S. Ferguson	Allied Chemical Corporation
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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 thier 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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