

VINYL INSTITUTE

HEALTH, SAFETY & ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

Princess Resort Hotel
Scottsdale, Arizona

Wednesday
May 11, 1988
1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

W. C. Holbrook, BFGoodrich, Chairman
C. Lunn, Borden Chemicals & Plastics
R. Oubre, Dow Chemical
F. Fisher, Air Products
R. Luss, Occidental Chemical
P. J. Usinowicz, Air Products
C.A. Gellner, CertainTeed
B. Gholson, Georgia Gulf
P. de la Cruz, Keller and Heckman
M.A. Voison, BFGoodrich Canada
W.A. McClain, Vista Chemical
J.C. Ledvina, Vista Chemical
E. Schroeder, Shintech Inc.
M. N. Scheck, Vinyl Institute

Opening of Meeting

Committee Chairman, W.C. Holbrook convened the meeting at 1:00 p.m. and asked for self-introductions.

Safety Subcommittee

Cris Lunn, who had volunteered at the committee's March 8th meeting to assume the chairmanship of a new Safety Subcommittee, distributed a paper outlining short-term goals, objectives and some suggested activities. In opening comments, Mr. Holbrook noted that he believed the long range goal should be to improve the vinyl industry's safety record and noted that the industry in total has much to gain by supporting program(s) that may improve safety performance. The committee had a brief discussion on the variety of programs that exist within individual companies. Mr. Ledvina stated that he thought the VI programs should not be duplicative of activities of other organizations. Mr. Luss suggested that an appropriate activity for a trade association would be the convening of a safety conference.

Mr. Holbrook suggested that a small group of interested individuals meet prior to the next meeting to develop a mission

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statement and develop some recommendations for short-term activities with a proposal to be received by the full committee. (Mrs. Scheck was asked to arrange for a meeting of this work group on June 29th in Baton Rouge). Mr. Holbrook suggested that a matter of old business, the calculations used in determining the VI Safety Performance Awards, be delegated to this subcommittee for review.

Title III

A company-by-company review of activities being undertaken to comply with the reporting provisions of SARA Title III. A question and answer period followed. It was noted that in some geographic areas companies are working alone with the local community, while in areas with a large chemical industry presence, joint programs are underway. It was noted that at the committee's next meeting it would be appropriate to have a company-by-company review of experiences since the July 1, 1988 reporting deadline. In order to achieve a total industry figure of amounts reported under this first deadline, Mrs. Scheck was directed to send out a notice to the committee requesting the numbers reported for calendar year 1987. Mr. Holbrook stated that this information is to be otherwise available under the FOI Act.

SPI v. EPA

Mr. de la Cruz stated that the EPA General Counsel's office and the Justice Department had both "signed off" on the settlement language. He stated, however, that the staff of the EPA's Air Office noted that a time limit had applied to this process and that the actions by the OGC had occurred following the expiration of this time limit. Mr. de la Cruz noted that he is hopeful that this problem can be remedied in the near future.

TCLP

Mr. Ledvina stated that the TCLP is to be published as a reproposal during June and noted that the numbers may change and further, that it is expected that 48 additional materials may be added. Mr. Usinowicz stated that it is his understanding that a revised analytical procedure is to be published within the next few weeks.

HRS Revisions

Mr. Holbrook stated that it is his understanding that the revisions to the Hazard Ranking System have been through "red-border review" and are at OMB. Mr. Holbrook asked whether there

was interest among the committee members in reviewing the HRS revisions when published. Mr. Luss suggested that CMA is the appropriate lead and that activity should be coordinated with them.

State Federal Enforcement Update

The committee had a company-by-company review of recent enforcement activities. Mr. McClain noted that Covington and Burlington has maintained a library on consent decree information and that this was offered to the ABA Natural Resources Committee. He offered to provide Mr. Holbrook with the appropriate contact for any possible future interest/use.

OSHA Labeling

Mr. de la Cruz updated the committee on a recent citation received by Occidental for failure to warn under the OSHA Hazard Communication Standard. Mr. Luss noted that as of May 10th the company received a 30 day extension.

Mr. Luss also reviewed the discussion at the March 10, 1988 Executive Board Meeting that had resulted in the labeling practices survey. He noted that the Legal Committee had previously discussed developing a generic MSDS and noted that the committee would re-examine the labeling issue at its May 12th meeting.

Proposition 65

Mr. de la Cruz updated the committee on recent developments related to Proposition 65, including a March 16, 1988 memo to the State Department of Health Services from the California Health and Welfare Agency requesting that DHS review existing state and federal risk assessment for 49 listed chemicals, with a proposed timetable for completion of the review (7/1/89). According to this memo, the first part of the assessment for 9 chemicals is due 7/1/88, with 23 more chemicals (including vinyl chloride) due 10/1/88.

Toxicological Profile

Mrs. Scheck stated that the VI comments on the ATSDR draft toxicological profile for vinyl chloride issued under SARA 110 (52FR338340) were filed April 18th. She noted that these were previously distributed to the committee members.

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ORC Emergency Planning Guidelines

Mrs. Scheck noted that at the committee's September 30, 1987 meeting, a discussion was held on work underway by ORC (Organization Resources Counselors, Inc.) to develop on behalf of the American Industrial Hygiene Association Emergency Response Planning Guidelines. She updated the committee on the status of the project and noted continued interest on behalf of ORC to have vinyl industry involvement. There was consensus among the committee members that this issue be pursued and that a consultant be hired if staff determined this was necessary.

Strategic Plan

Mrs. Scheck reviewed for the committee the proposed strategic plan that is to be reviewed by the Executive Board on May 12th. She noted that under this proposal, the HSE committee would remain as currently structured.

Proposed Meeting with EPA

Mr. Holbrook noted that at the Committee's last meeting, the members discussed whether it would be appropriate to schedule a meeting with EPA staff at RTP to review and discuss any new environmental initiatives. It was agreed that there did not appear to be any specific reason at this time to schedule such a meeting with EPA. However, it was suggested that a possibility may be to schedule a future meeting in North Carolina and to invite the EPA staff to join the committee for a portion of the meeting.

N xt Meeting/Adjournment

The next full committee meeting was scheduled for September 21, 1988, 1:00 p.m. in San Francisco, to precede the September 22-23 meeting of the Vinyl Chloride Safety Association, unless issues needing the full committee's review developed before that date.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



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