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TO: Ron Brakke
FROM: Les Meier
CC: Larry Grubb
Jim Byrne
Tom Graves
SUBJECT: NIOSH Hearings On PVC & Vinyl Chloride (VC)
DATE: January, 31, 1980

I bring this information to your attention because of the potential threat the reopening of discussions concerning the carcinogenic effects or hazards associated with the use of PVC may have on our industry.

Hearings are scheduled by NIOSH to begin on March 21, 1980, and are open for public comment. While VC is closely regulated, such regulation does not currently apply to PVC. Industry will potentially be asked to disprove the effect of particulate irritation of the lungs and allegations of carcinogenic effect of PVC which to date have not been neither proved or disproved. The burden of proof is now being shifted to industry, which potentially effects 7,500 other companies in the USA involved in the use of PVC.

We should insure that HCC is aware of this movement and insure people are in attendance at these meetings representing our views.

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Do we have plans for attending/
testifying at the hearings?
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Environmental Protection Agency

HEALTH AND SAFETY STUDIES ON CHEMICALS

EPA is proposing a rule which would require submission of health and safety studies on specifically listed chemicals by chemical manufacturers, processors, distributors, and others in possession of such studies.

Deadline for comments: February 29, 1980
Contact: John Ritch 800/424-9065; in D.C. 554-1404

Cite: 44 FR December 31, 1979, p.77470.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

EPA has made available 2 additional reports on the environmental and economic impacts of various regulatory alternatives for small quantities of hazardous waste.

Deadline for comments: February 29, 1980
Contact: Deborah Vallari 202/755-9173
Cite: 45 FR January 10, 1980 p.2059;
deadline for comments extended in 45 FR February 13, 1980, p.9755.

Food and Drug Administration

LEAD IN FOOD

FDA is requesting comments, information and data concerning lead in food. FDA intends to expand its efforts to monitor and reduce lead levels in food.

Deadline for comments: February 29, 1980
Contact: Carl Giannetta 202/472-5690
Cite: 44 FR August 31, 1979, p.51233;
deadline for comments extended in 44 FR November 27, 1979, p.67673.

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Environmental Protection Agency

TEST PROCEDURES FOR POLLUTANT ANALYSIS

EPA is proposing to amend its list of approved analytical techniques by adding test procedures for 113 organic toxic pollutants, an additional test procedure for inorganic toxic pollutants, a procedure for carbonaceous BOD5 and requirements for sample preservation and holding times.

Deadline for comments: March 3, 1980
Contact: Robert Medz 202/426-4727
Cite: 44 FR December 3, 1979, p.69464;
deadline for comments extended in 45 FR January 31, 1980, p.6958.

AIRBORNE CARCINOGENS

The Agency is proposing a rule regarding policies and procedures to be used by EPA in the identification, assessment, and regulation under the Clean Air Act, of substances which when emitted into the ambient air from stationary sources, increase the risk of cancer to the general population.

Hearing date: March 10-11, 1980 at 9 a.m.
Location: EPA, Room 2117, 401 M St. S.W. Washington, D.C.
Hearing date: March 12, 1980 at 9 a.m.
Location: J.W. McCormack Bldg., Boston
Hearing date: March 13, 1980
Location: Shamrock Hilton, 6900 Main at Holcombe, Houston
Contact: Joseph Padgett 919/541-5204
Cite: 44 FR October 10, 1979, p.58642;

hearings announced in 44 FR October 26, 1979, p.61620; deadline for comments extended in 45 FR January 31, 1980, p.6960.

EPA has issued an advance notice of proposed rulemaking which sets forth draft generic standards that EPA may propose for sources of carcinogenic organic chemicals that are listed as hazardous air pollutants under Section 112 of the Clean Air Act.

Hearing dates: see above proposal
Contact: Don Goodwin 919/541-5271
Cite: 44 FR October 10, 1979, p.58662;
deadline for comments extended in 45 FR January 31, 1980, p.6960.

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences

VINYL CHLORIDE

National Institute of Environmental Health Sciences, NIOSH, and OSHA are jointly sponsoring a conference to reevaluate the toxicology of vinyl chloride monomers, polyvinyl chloride and structural analogues.

Conference date: March 21, 1980 at 8:30 a.m.
Location: Masur Auditorium, Building 10, NIH, Bethesda, MD
Contact: Jolie Appel 202/523-7111;
Mariene Hamilton 511/684-2427.