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Dear Vinyl Chloride Research Coordinators:

Otto Wong et. al. recently published the enclosed article entitled, "An Industry-Wide Epidemiologic Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers, 1942-1982." The publication was based on studies that the CMA Vinyl Chloride Panel had sponsored in the past.

Dr. Wong did not send a draft manuscript to CMA for review and comments prior to the publication. Drs. Bob Hinderer and J.R. Drumwright have expressed concerns regarding the interpretation of our data by Dr. Wong et. al. The enclosed letters from Drs. Hinderer and Drumwright describe their concerns.

I would like to schedule a conference call during the week of December 1, 1991, to discuss the enclosed publication and the concerns expressed by Drs. Hinderer and Drumwright, and to decide on a course of action. Please complete the enclosed survey form concerning your availability and return it to me as soon as possible. You may fax your availability survey to me at (202) 887-1237. I have asked Dr. Bill Gaffey, who is very familiar with the studies we sponsored, to be available for the conference call. We may want to consider hiring him to prepare our response to Dr. Wong's publication.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Has Shah".

Hasmukh C. Shah
Manager, Vinyl Chloride Panel

cc: J.R. Drumwright
William Gaffey
James Barter
Eugene Skiest