



CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Vinyl Chloride Health Committee Members:

The following items are enclosed for your review and discussion on the conference call scheduled for Wednesday, July 31, 1996 at 10:00 a.m. EDT.

- 1) agenda for the upcoming conference call;

Please refer to materials in the package dated June 18, 1996 for more information related to the agenda.

- 2) a proposal from Dr. Gino Scarano of the International Life Sciences Institute (ILSI) regarding the Vinyl Chloride Health Committee's participation in ILSI's genotoxicity case study initiative;

ILSI is interested in hearing from the Committee about participation in their project which will "address the question of whether and how genotoxicity data should be used as part of a cancer risk assessment." You may recognize some of the names on the attached list of participants. ILSI also is seeking funding sources for the project.

- 3) reviews of the University of Louisville Brain Cancer Case-Control Study by Drs. Harvey Checkoway and Gary Marsh;

These reviews have been sent to Dr. Carlo Tamburro. Dr. Tamburro will be incorporating the reviewers' comments, as appropriate, into his final protocol. I have invited Dr. Tamburro to participate on the conference call to respond to any questions that the Health Committee may have.

- 4) Interim Report #4 from Dr. Ken Mundt of Applied Epidemiology, Inc. on the study entitled "Update of Mortality Among Vinyl Chloride Workers";

Dr. Mundt also has been invited to be on the call to provide a verbal report on the status of the study and answer any questions that the Committee may have.

- 5) the draft Vinyl Chloride Health Committee report for the CHEMSTAR Annual Report.

If you have any questions, please call me at (703) 741-5639.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures