

PVC SAFETY GROUP - STEERING COMMITTEE

Hyatt Regency Hotel
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Wednesday, April 30, 1980
8.30 A. M.

SUMMARY

- (1) A Nominating Committee was appointed to develop a slate of new members for the Steering Committee in 1980/81 and officers for the same period.
- (2) A sum of \$18,000 was authorized for the development of a literature reference file on the health aspects of vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride.
- (3) Authorization to assess the Safety Group for a total of \$250,000 over the period June 1, 1980 through May 31, 1981 was granted.

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ATTENDEES

Steven W. Schaefer - CHAIRMAN - Diamond Shamrock Corp. 1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH
A. Ross Adams - Air Products & Chemicals, Box 538, Allentown, PA 18105
Gary H. Baise - Beveridge, Fairbanks & Diamond, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. Washington, DC
Bart A. DiLiddo - B. F. Goodrich Chemical Div. 6100 Oak Tree Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44131
R. B. Downey - B. F. Goodrich Chemical Div. 6100 Oak Tree Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44131
Barbara Eisenberg - Pantasote Inc. 10 Valley Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830
J. E. Ertel - Pantasote Inc. 250 Hamburg Turnpike, Butler, NJ.
H. R. Flammer - Conoco, 5 Greenway Plaza East, Box 2197, Houston, TX 77001
J. E. Hadley, Jr. Keller & Heckman, 1150 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
C. P. Loecheit (for C.W. Montgomery), Ethyl Corp. 451 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70801
R. Laundrie - General Tire & Rubber Co. One General Street, Akron, OH 44329
H. W. Mohlmann - Dow Chemical U.S.A. 2020 Dow Center, Midland, MI 48640
R. C. Sander - Air Products & Chemicals, Box 538, Allentown, PA 18105
P. L. Schatzberg - Pantasote Inc. 26 Jefferson Street, Passaic, NJ 07055
D. K. Spencer - Shell Chemical Co. Box 2463, One Shell Plaza, Houston, TX 77001
Jean Claude Thomas - Rhone Poulenc, 25 Quai Doumer, 92408 Courbevoie Cedex, France
H. P. Toner, SPI, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017
T. R. Torkelson - Dow Chemical U.S.A. 1603 Bldg. Midland, MI 48740
T. C. Walker - Firestone Plastics Co. P. O. Box 699, Pottstown, PA 19464
Robert M. Walter - Firestone Plastics Co. 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron, OH 44317

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- 1 - Chairman Schaefer opened the meeting by reviewing the current membership of the Steering Committee noting that three companies terms expire at the end of May - Diamond Shamrock, Air Products & Chemicals, Firestone Plastics Company. He reported that Mr. Walker of Firestone has been appointed Chairman of a Nominating Committee. Mr. Walker will be assisted by Dr. Ross Adams and Mr. Don Spencer. The Nominating Committee will also prepare a slate of officers for the coming year.
- 2 - Dr. Torkelson reported on the activities of the Health Committee (report attached). There was considerable discussion of the proposed computerized bibliography and it was determined that the Steering Committee should recommend the project to the full Group. There should be access to the computer file by all interested parties on a cost basis. The Steering Committee will recommend that \$18,000 be authorized for the project, the amount estimated by Daniel P. Boyd & Company.

Regarding the services of Dr. C. Cooper who was retained to review the available epidemiologic studies on PCV and VCM, it was noted that the \$25,000 previously authorized should be sufficient for completion of the project.

- 3 - Mr. Hadley reported that he has now tabulated the VCM discharge data for 2 years (report to be distributed at Group meeting). He indicated that all members are participating, however, there is a lag in the reporting.

Messrs. Laundrie and Baise reported on the two meetings held with EDF noting that a written report was included in Mr. Hadley's letter of April 25, 1980. Mr. Baise reported that he would be writing to EPA to indicate that the industry had not agreed to "stricter enforcement" of current emergency discharge restrictions nor reduction in the levels for stripping resins.

Regarding the cost of compliance survey, Mr. Hadley reported on the substance of the report to be submitted to EPA on the subject.

There was considerable discussion on the merits of collecting additional data on VCM concentrations in the ambient air (fence line) and PVC dust levels (occupational exposure). Dr. DiLiddo suggested that in addition to the technical approach, i.e. presenting data to the agencies, perhaps it is time to begin presenting our cost-risk-benefit case in the public and political areas. Chairman Schaefer suggested that the subject(s) be discussed again at a future meeting.

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- 5 - Mr. Downey reported that the Communications Committee was operating well within the budget. Mr. Thomas suggested that a statement explaining the differences in reporting incidences of pneumoconiosis would be helpful in defusing any undue concern about PVC dust.
- 6 - Mr. Downey (reporting for Mr. Dan Kent) said that the PVC Fire Safety Committee was busy addressing two issues: the recent NBS report of the presence of phosgene in electrical arcing situations; and, the triannual consideration by the NFPA of the use of PVC conduit. Regarding the former, Mr. Downey noted that a position paper was being developed. Mr. Thomas reported that the European producers had developed such a document and he would send a copy to Mr. Downey. Regarding the latter, Mr. Downey reported that the activity for defending PVC conduit at the NFPA meeting was being headed by Mr. Van Der Voort who had headed the successful effort three years prior.
- 7 - Mr. Walker presented the Financial report (copy attached) noting that the Group was solvent at the moment but that funds needed to be raised for the upcoming year. He noted that the Group expenses were averaging about \$20,000 per month. After discussions, it was determined that the Steering Committee should recommend to the Group that \$250,000 be raised for the year June 1, 1980 to May 31, 1981, 50% to be assessed now, 50% to be assessed in six months.
- 8 - The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. with no date set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



H. P. Toner
Asst. Technical Director

May 21, 1980
Attachments

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PVC SAFETY GROUP HEALTH COMMITTEE

April 25, 1980

1. The Health Committee monitored the NIEHS/NIOSH/OSHA Symposium in Bethesda, Maryland, March 20-21, 1980. The papers and comments were tape recorded and transcribed and the slides were photographed. Two consultants were retained to help monitor the meeting. It was thought that comments on this Symposium might be used in the SPI submission in response to the OSHA request for data.
2. The Symposium produced little that was new; hence, only limited comment will be made about the Symposium in the submission to be made by SPI to OSHA, May 9.
3. References and comments for the OSHA submission are now being collected and prepared by an ad hoc committee working with Joe Hadley. The committee has met twice and will meet again May 1.
4. It is requested that Mr. Hadley be given indication of what individual companies plan to submit to OSHA May 9.
5. We have secured the services of Clark Cooper, M.D. to review the available papers on epidemiological studies on vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride. It is estimated that several thousand dollars will be required to complete this project. The assistance of other experts is also being considered on other subjects.
6. We are investigating the possibility of having Dan Boyd Associates prepare a computer indexed Bibliography of published and public documents related to vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride. A similar index has already been prepared for styrene. All companies represented at the ad hoc committee April 18 agreed with the concept. It's difficult to estimate cost, but \$30,000 - \$36,000 seems probable with additional annual costs to keep it up to date. It is not yet certain but it appears likely PVC Safety Group members can use the index at about \$30-40/hour (\$100 minimum).

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