CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

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Dear Don:

The Chemical Manufacturers Association contracted with the Environmental Health Associates in 1982, 1984, and 1987 to update an epidemiology study of vinyl chloride workers. The agreement numbers and their execution dates are as follows:

VC 9.0-EPI-EHA	March 11, 1982
VC 10.0	April 9, 1984
VC 11.0-EHA	October 21, 1987

Subsequent to these agreements, EHA merged with ENSR Health Sciences. CMA currently is considering a further update of, "An Update of an Epidemiologic Study of Vinyl Chloride Workers, 1942-1982".

In order for CMA to make its final decision to update the study to 1992, we need the following information from you:

1. Have all data been transferred from EHA to ENSR on the above-referenced studies? If yes, are these data easily retrievable for a further update?

2. Will raw data submitted by participating companies from the CMA sponsored studies be available to CMA or participating companies either in hard copy form or on computer disk?

3. Did ENSR or EHA enter into any confidentiality agreements with NDI, SSAN or individual states which would prohibit ENSR from sharing fact or cause of death information on cohort members with CMA or individual companies?

4. How many cohort members were actively employed in areas of vinyl chloride exposure as of December 31, 1982? Would it be possible for you to prepare a table showing the distribution of these workers by plant identification number?

5. Can you provide a listing of 37 plant sites with the identification of the companies and the plant identification numbers, if not confidential?

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6. Which companies and plant sites provided data with no personally identifying information on the workers?

7. What experience does the current ENSR staff have in conducting epidemiology studies?

Please call me at (202) 887-1192, if you have questions or need additional information to respond to the above questions. I would like your written response to these questions by January 14, 1994.

Thank you for your cooperation in our efforts to obtain the necessary information to update the vinyl chloride epidemiology study.

Sincerely,

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cc: VCRC