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Minutes of Meeting
Plastics Committee
The New York Hilton
New York, New York
November 25, 1968

PRESENT:

Glenn L. Pitzer, Union Carbide Corporation
R. F. Seubert (for C. E. Brown), Sinclair-Koppers Company
C. E. Denoon, Jr., Rohm and Haas Company
D. M. Gallagher, Canadian Industries Limited
W. D. Holland, American Cyanamid Company
G. A. Fowles (for T. B. Nantz), B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company
C. M. Neher, Ethyl Corporation
F. R. Reese, Monsanto Company
R. G. Richards, Celanese Corporation
W. C. Roher, Gulf Oil Company-U.S.
R. E. Heckert (Alternate for R. L. Schuyler),
E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Company
C. R. Scott, Phillips Petroleum Company
M. H. P. Morand (for G. J. Williams), Dow Chemical Company
H. D. Allick (for R. E. Workman), Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company
T. R. Miller, Union Carbide Corporation
G. E. Best, Manufacturing Chemists Association
H. E. Robbins, Manufacturing Chemists Association
M. E. Woodruff, Manufacturing Chemists Association
F. H. Carman, Staff Secretary for Committee, M.C.A.

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PVC EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY

This program at Michigan Institute of Industrial Health was undertaken in behalf of 19 member and 2 non-member companies. It is being directed by a Task Group of MCA's Occupational Health Committee.

Since the report of September 10, 1968, the Institute has advised all participating companies of suspected cases of Raynaud's phenomenon. There is strong suspicion that the poly-cleaning operation might be contributing to cases found in five companies.

A draft of the final report for review by the Task Group is expected in December, and it may be appropriate then for this study to be reported in an open meeting of the Occupational Health Committee, manufacturers of PVC resin, and representatives of the University of Michigan. Additional presentations will be made to the American Medical Association and the American Industrial Hygiene Association.

PVC - COMBUSTION PRODUCTS

Supplementing report of September 4, 1968, the Secretary advised that this USPH study is well underway, all samples have been supplied as agreed, and it is expected the industry representatives will meet with USPH in Cincinnati during February, 1969 to consider the significance of their findings.

In a related study, the corrosion problem resulting from PVC fires has become of considerable concern in the United States and Europe. The USPH study might be useful to the industry representative planning to attend an April 1969 meeting in Sweden on this matter.

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