



CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

September 11, 1979

Mr. Fred R. Currant
Corporate Counsel
Industrial BIO-TEST Laboratories, Inc.
1810 Frontage Road
Northbrook, Illinois 60062

Dear Fred:

An agreement dated February 1, 1973, was signed between Industrial BIO-TEST Laboratories, Inc. (IBT) and the Chemical Manufacturers Association (CMA), formerly the Manufacturing Chemists Association, for IBT to conduct a "Chronic Vapor Inhalation Study with Vinyl Chloride". This agreement was extended to include an additional exposure group on May 22, 1973. References to this study in communications received by CMA from IBT bear the study identification of IBT No. 663-03222. The experimental design incorporated in the protocol appears in Appendix A, which is attached.

The Vinyl Chloride Audit Task Group and the pathologist serving as a consultant to CMA have expended in excess of 1,000 hours auditing and studying ways in which data of meaningful value might be salvaged from this research agreement. After their large expenditure of time and money, little or nothing of salvageable value has evolved, and it must be concluded the study has gross, irreparable deficiencies.

Little value can evolve from audits of other equally important records and research material, since inadequate pathologic studies and/or observations and insufficient numbers of tissues preclude scientifically valid conclusions on tumor incidence and dose-response relationships.

Data presented show that there is just cause that IBT (1) reimburse CMA for all costs of administering and auditing the agreement of February 1, 1973, as amended, (2) refund to CMA all funds paid to IBT against this agreement, and (3) supply funds required in excess of (2) to permit CMA to have the program, as amended, properly conducted at another laboratory.

Sincerely yours,

Edmund B. Frost
Vice President
and General Counsel

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Enclosures

bcc: J. T. Seawell (Appendix A and your memo, 7/20/79, a - enclosures)
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