

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Vinyl Chloride Panel
Research Coordinators
Record of Meeting

DATE: May 19, 1994
TIME: 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

List of Participants:

James Barter	PPG
Ed Beeler	GEON
Greg Bond	Dow Chemical
Frank Borrelli	Georgia Gulf
Mike Gargas (PT)	CHEMRISK - McLaren/Hart
Mark Gruenwald	Borden
Jim Knaak	Oxy
Dave Penney	Vista
David Pun	Formosa
Jonathan Ramlow	Dow Chemical
Richard Reitz (PT)	Consultant

Kim Reed CMA

Has Shah CMA

- 1.0 The Panel approved the February 14, 1994 Record of Meeting as written.
- 2.0 Jonathan Ramlow reviewed the draft scope of work for the update of the mortality among vinyl chloride workers. The scope of work asks contractors to provide an additional ten years of follow-up to the cohort previously studied by Environmental Health Associates (1986). The Panel also would like the update to incorporate state of the art modelling methods for data analyses and use the Eighth or Ninth Revision of the International Classification of Disease to code all death certificates. The 1986 study used the Seventh Revision. The new update also would compare the worker mortality with regional and national averages, as compared to only the national average in the 1986 study.

Due to the shifting of ownership of many plants, some plant data are no longer directly available to Panel members. Has Shah will contact non-Panel companies that produce or produced vinyl chloride to see if they will participate in the update. Panel members should contact their Vinyl Institute Executive Board members to have them encourage Westlake to participate in the update.

The Panel discussed the potential contractors for the update. Potential contractors include: Howard Rockette (University of Pittsburgh); Kenneth Mundt (Applied Epidemiology, Inc.); Roy Shore (New York University Medical Center); and, Don Whorton (ENSR).