

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

HEALTH AND SAFETY COMMITTEE

Minutes of Meeting

CMA M Street Conference Room
2501 M Street, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20037

Wednesday
March 16, 1994
8:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Members Present

R. Briggs
E. Capaldi
R. Hunt
T. Liles
P. Lubs
V. Marchesani
J. Olguin
R. Condray
M. Schurger
J. Sepesi
D. Sigman**

Rhone-Poulenc, Inc.
ARCO Chemical Company
Chevron Chemical Company
Union Carbide Corporation
The Lubrizol Corporation
HIMONT, USA, Inc.
DuPont
Monsanto Company
Eastman Chemical Company
Shell Oil Company
Exxon Chemical Company

Invited Guests

D. Olson

Dow Chemical Company

CMA Staff

K. Belton
C. Cofta
S. Doelp
M. Mullins
K. Pike
A. Sachdev*
G. Strickland*
S. Tirey

* indicates part-time attendance

** indicates attendance by conference call

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1. J. Olguin reviewed the purpose of the meeting. The minutes of the January 19, 1994 meeting were approved without changes.
2. There are no additional changes to the 94/95 Outside Purchase Service Budget.
3. J. Olguin and G. Capaldi reviewed the status of the proposed committee structure. After reviewing potential structures and key criteria, the ad hoc group will recommend to the Board in April

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that the HSC, EOC, and EMC be consolidated into a single committee.

The proposed recommendations for consolidation developed by the Steering Task Group were discussed and approved with some changes.

4. G. Strickland provided a briefing on a proposed service to provide electronic access to supplier MSDSs. A pilot of the proposed service is scheduled to begin on October 1, 1994.

HSC members felt that the proposed service would be helpful, but would not yield its full value until it was recognized as fulfilling the regulatory requirements under the Hazard Communication Standard.

5. M. Mullins briefed the Committee on the proceedings of the March 1, 1994 Executive Committee briefing. Highlights included:

- o It is supportive of the proposed committee consolidation, but requested that four concerns be addressed in the process:
 1. Actual efficiencies are achieved.
 2. All disciplines are adequately represented.
 3. The Association preserves its core competencies.
 4. The process poses the minimum disruption to stakeholders.
- o It is working on implementing Board recommendations to address international issues including the formation of a Board committee on international issues and appointing a CEO advocate on access to international markets.
- o The Council of 100 will hold its second meeting at Greenbriar. Key issues are compliance training programs and assuring on-site compliance with regulations or Responsible Care®.
- o Association or company positions on Superfund were reviewed.
- o GM has endorsed the CERES principles. CMA recognizes CERES but promotes Responsible Care®.

6. OSH Focus Area

- o D. Olson briefed the HSC on key issues and status of OSH reform legislation. The CMA position remains that the proposed changes can be achieved administratively and therefore legislation is not needed. The timing for legislation to move is unknown and will likely be determined by other political events.
- o The first OSH Information Forum was a success, drawing 60 participants to hear Secretary Dear discuss his regulatory agenda. Based on feedback from the attendees, future forums will be scheduled.

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- o MEDTREC training materials will become available in May. The HPTG has met with OSHA regarding medical surveillance issues.
- o The IHTG will be presenting its research on global medical standards to the AIHA Conference in May.
- o Two budget requests were approved:
 - \$7,000 is redirected from the OIIR to address definitions and positions in ergonomic advocacy.
 - \$15,000 is redirected from the development of an incident investigation guide to an employee participation guide.
- o The Safety Programs Task Group is considering methods to capture contractor safety performance statistics as part of the Employee Health and Safety Code performance measure.

7. Product Stewardship Focus Area

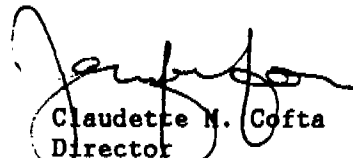
- o The HSC viewed the new code video, "The Power of Product Stewardship."
- o The proposal for an interim measure of progress for the Product Stewardship Code was reviewed and discussed. C. Cofta will forward comments to the Product Stewardship Task Group.
- o J. Quance, Exxon, has assumed the chairmanship of the Existing Chemical Testing Task Group. The task group has a constructive dialogue underway with respect to protocols for dermal test data, is continuing discussions on the European role in the OECD program, and has initiated the pilot for phase two of the Use/Exposure Form.
- o The Product Risk Management Advocacy Task Group has finalized its mission statement and developed a strategic direction for addressing the Toxics Agenda.
- o The Chemical Reporting Task Group has just completed comments on the TSCA 8(a) CAIR rule, which were generally favorable toward EPA's amendments. The TSCA 8(e) environmental guidance is now not expected to be issued in final until the end of the summer. CMA continues our proactive advocacy on CBI; EPA guidance is expected to issue in June.
- o The TUR Task Group is just wrapping up a major communications study of TUR and risk messages. Work on the PRM standard will kick off this week.
- o The Risk Screening Work Group has merged its efforts with a Chlorine work group to jointly develop a screening methodology.

8. Risk Focus Area

- o The position paper on "Bright Lines in Risk Assessment" was approved in concept.
- o The Risk Policy Task Group is continuing to support risk legislation, and is fleshing out its strategic work plan.
- o The Risk Assessment Task Group is monitoring several studies of comparative risk methodologies. Its paper on safety factors will be presented at an upcoming Society of Toxicology conference and presented for publication.
- o The Exposure Assessment Task Group is proceeding with its proposed joint funding projects with API. The task group is contributing to RCRA comments on combustion issues.
- o The Superfund Risk Assessment Task Group is proceeding with a study of the adequacy of Superfund site health effects data. The task group will also participate in an international conference by ATSDR on health effects of hazardous waste.

9. General

- o The NIEHS is sponsoring a workshop on children's health. CMA declined participation due to the nature of the agenda. CMA received an apology from this organization acknowledging a lack of proper balance.
- o A. Mason provided an overview of activities and issues in chlorine advocacy. Of high concern are alleged reproductive effects on men, women, and wildlife. The Chlorine Chemistry Council is evaluating the current research and decision processes for risk management.
- o The HSC will not hold a meeting in April. Instead, a conference call is scheduled for Friday, April 22, 1994, at 2:00 Eastern Time.


Claudette M. Cofta
Director
Product Stewardship

Subject To Approval