

ISSUES MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

SUMMARY

The issues Management Committee met just prior to our last Board meeting and again just prior to the IJC meeting in Windsor, Ontario. Most of our efforts have been focused toward the IJC meeting but we have been actively involved in a number of other issues. The issues are listed at the end of this report in order of priority. This report will hi-lite the key issues.

1. Attack on Chlorine/PVC led by Greenpeace - Krause -

Chlorine/PVC - International Joint Commission (IJC)

The primary focus has been on the October IJC meeting in Windsor, Ontario. Our objectives were: 1) to influence the Commissioners, 2) show the IJC and Greenpeace that industry is at the table, 3) raise the awareness and influence key legislators, (local/state/federal), and 4) mobilize our actions post-Windsor.

Prior to IJC Windsor, meetings were sponsored by chlorine/PVC producers in 5 key cities around the Great Lakes inviting key industries, customers, government officials (local/state/federal), academia and unions. After reviewing the issue, the abused use of the IJC process, the science review of chlorine containing materials (Cantox), and the economic impact of a ban on chlorine (Charles River Associates), attendees were asked to write to their legislators and the IJC, objecting to a "sunsetting" on chlorine.

In addition, our VI companies contacted key customers and their employees to also respond - both in writing and by attending the IJC meeting. Our VI Advocacy Task Force mobilized lobbyists in each of the Great Lakes States to make direct contact with governors and key legislators to write to the IJC.

Finally, contacts were made directly with the trade and public media. In general, response has been open and positive.

IJC Meeting

Industry response was very good vs. prior meetings; about 250-300 industry out of 2000 attendees. I'm sure by now you have heard many versions. In my view, industry held their own in most of the sessions in

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terms of presentation, questions and statements at the open mike and in some of the media coverage. Our industry sessions on science and economics prior to the meeting were well attended and presented. One key exception was during the industry presentations to the Commissioners on Saturday morning. Presentations by government went smoothly with little disruption but as soon as industry started to present we had people dressed in costumes of diseased fish, an eagle with a deformed beak, a woman with breast cancer, etc. walking up and down the aisles and participants in the seats yelling and raising signs with phrases like BLAH-BLAH, Industry Hack, Chlorine Kills, etc. The final blow was the raising of a large banner inside the meeting room stating "Dow Shalt Not Kill..Ban Chlorine" and then a continuous banner carried by activists in front of the dias where the commissioners were seated and then across in front of the speakers platform while Paul Tippet from the CGLI was speaking. All this was condoned by the commissioners. It was a low point in behavior at a government sponsored meeting.

The high points were both Environment Canada and USEPA rejecting the IJC recommendation to ban chlorine and many of the excellent open mike comments from our industry members.

Our future actions are to continue several of the city meetings, maintain close legislative contact, step up our efforts to discredit Greenpeace and focus attention to good science and a sound social economic balance.

2. **Dioxin Allegations In EDC/VCM/PVC** - (Ad-hoc Task Group) - **McCreedy/Borrelli** - Ron McCreedy has covered this in the Technical Committee Report.
3. **KANSAS PIPE DRINKING WATER QUALITY** - **McCreedy/Krause/Eckstein (Unibell)** - Ron McCreedy has covered this in the Technical Committee Report.
4. **Recycling** - **Carroll** - Continues to be a key issue and is reported under VIGOR by Bill Carroll.
5. **Heavy Metals - CONEG Issue** - Ad-Hoc Legislative Task Group-CMA and SPI are addressing as a policy issue to eliminate further model legislation on heavy metals from CONEG. VI agreed to provide minimum input required on report by SPI OHEIC sub-committee.

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6. **Charter/Mission/Committee Structure/VI Relation to CCC/IGCCA - IMC** - At our meeting in Windsor we discussed these questions. Several of the committees felt with Issues Management Committee now in place their missions have changed. The Technical Committee is in the process of revising their mission/objectives. We briefly reviewed the current missions/objectives of each committee and from the prior proactive committees. Each committee will now revisit their mission/objectives at their next regular meeting and present them at the next IMC meeting. We will continue to work projects on an ad hoc basis to bring more resources into the act and to move toward closure as efficiently as possible. In discussion on CCC/IGCCA we agreed that we will work cooperatively wherever we can but retain responsibility for PVC industry activities.

List of IMC issues and priorities are appended.

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KEY ISSUES

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>ISSUES</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>
A	o Greenpeace-Chlorine/PVC	Krause	o
	- Dioxin Allegations EDC/VCM/PVC	McCreedy/Borrelli	o
	- Dioxins - Incineration/Fires/Process	IGCCA-Krause/Meeker	o
A	o Recycling - Packaging - Durables	VIGOR - Carroll	o
A	o Incineration	Technical Committee	o
A	o Drinking Water Quality Kansas Issue	McCreedy/Krause	o
A	o Heavy Metals	Ad Hoc Gov.Relations	o
A	o VOC-Process Emissions/Exposure	S/H/E Committee	o

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KEY ISSUES (continued)

<u>PRIORITY</u>	<u>ISSUES</u>	<u>DRIVER</u>	<u>CURRENT STATUS</u>
A	o Code Body Activities	McCreedy/Krausee	o
A	o Communications	Communications/IMC	o
B	o Indoor Air Pollution (Sick Building Syndrome)	Technical Committee	o
B	o Fire Performance (House)	Technical Committee	o
C	o Charter/Purpose of IMC	Krause - IMC	o
C	o Legislation-Pollution/TUR	S/H/E	o
C	o Clean Water Act	"	o
	o Risk Policy	Technical Committee	o

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