

PVC SAFETY GROUP - STEERING COMMITTEE

Hyatt Regency Hotel
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Wednesday, April 30, 1980
8.30 A. M.

SUMMARY

- (1) A Nominating Committee was appointed to develop a slate of new members for the Steering Committee in 1980/81 and officers for the same period.
- (2) A sum of \$18,000 was authorized for the development of a literature reference file on the health aspects of vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride.
- (3) Authorization to assess the Safety Group for a total of \$250,000 over the period June 1, 1980 through May 31, 1981 was granted.

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ATTENDEES

Steven W. Schaefer - CHAIRMAN - Diamond Shamrock Corp. 1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, OH
A. Ross Adams - Air Products & Chemicals, Box 538, Allentown, PA 18105
Gary H. Baise - Beveridge, Fairbanks & Diamond, 1333 New Hampshire Ave. N.W. Washington, DC
Bart A. DiLiddo - B. F. Goodrich Chemical Div. 6100 Oak Tree Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44131
R. B. Downey - B. F. Goodrich Chemical Div. 6100 Oak Tree Blvd. Cleveland, OH 44131
Barbara Eisenberg - Pantasote Inc. 10 Valley Drive, Greenwich, CT 06830
J. E. Ertel - Pantasote Inc. 250 Hamburg Turnpike, Butler, NJ.
H. R. Flammer - Conoco, 5 Greenway Plaza East, Box 2197, Houston, TX 77001
J. E. Hadley, Jr. Keller & Heckman, 1150 17th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036
C. P. Loechelt (for C.W. Montgomery), Ethyl Corp. 451 Florida Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70801
R. Laundrie - General Tire & Rubber Co. One General Street, Akron, OH 44329
H. W. Mohlmann - Dow Chemical U.S.A. 2020 Dow Center, Midland, MI 48640
R. C. Sander - Air Products & Chemicals, Box 538, Allentown, PA 18105
P. L. Schatzberg - Pantasote Inc. 26 Jefferson Street, Passaic, NJ 07055
D. K. Spencer - Shell Chemical Co. Box 2463, One Shell Plaza, Houston, TX 77001
Jean Claude Thomas - Rhone Poulenc, 25 Quai Doumer, 92408 Courbevoie Cedex, France
H. P. Toner, SPI, 355 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY 10017
T. R. Torkelson - Dow Chemical U.S.A. 1603 Bldg. Midland, MI 48740
T. C. Walker - Firestone Plastics Co. P. O. Box 699, Pottstown, PA 19464
Robert M. Walter - Firestone Plastics Co. 1200 Firestone Parkway, Akron, OH 44317

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- 1 - Chairman Schaefer opened the meeting by reviewing the current membership of the Steering Committee noting that three companies terms expire at the end of May - Diamond Shamrock, Air Products & Chemicals, Firestone Plastics Company. He reported that Mr. Walker of Firestone has been appointed Chairman of a Nominating Committee. Mr. Walker will be assisted by Dr. Ross Adams and Mr. Don Spencer. The Nominating Committee will also prepare a slate of officers for the coming year.
- 2 - Dr. Torkelson reported on the activities of the Health Committee (report attached). There was considerable discussion of the proposed computerized bibliography and it was determined that the Steering Committee should recommend the project to the full Group. There should be access to the computer file by all interested parties on a cost basis. The Steering Committee will recommend that \$18,000 be authorized for the project, the amount estimated by Daniel P. Boyd & Company.

Regarding the services of Dr. C. Cooper who was retained to review the available epidemiologic studies on PCV and VCM, it was noted that the \$25,000 previously authorized should be sufficient for completion of the project.

- 3 - Mr. Hadley reported that he has now tabulated the VCM discharge data for 2 years (report to be distributed at Group meeting). He indicated that all members are participating, however, there is a lag in the reporting.

Messrs. Laundrie and Baise reported on the two meetings held with EDF noting that a written report was included in Mr. Hadley's letter of April 25, 1980. Mr. Baise reported that he would be writing to EPA to indicate that the industry had not agreed to "stricter enforcement" of current emergency discharge restrictions nor reduction in the levels for stripping resins.

Regarding the cost of compliance survey, Mr. Hadley reported on the substance of the report to be submitted to EPA on the subject.

There was considerable discussion on the merits of collecting additional data on VCM concentrations in the ambient air (fence line) and PVC dust levels (occupational exposure). Dr. DiLiddo suggested that in addition to the technical approach, i.e. presenting data to the agencies, perhaps it is time to begin presenting our cost-risk-benefit case in the public and political areas. Chairman Schaefer suggested that the subject(s) be discussed again at a future meeting.

- 4 - Mr. Hadley reported that the Lawyers Committee did not recommend involvement in the Tenneco/Hooker petitions for a cease and desist order on certain enforcement activity on emergency relief discharges. Regarding a request from the Chlorine Institute to join their suit on the chlorine standard, it was determined that the Steering Committee recommend no involvement because of remoteness of interest.

- 5 - Mr. Downey reported that the Communications Committee was operating well within the budget. Mr. Thomas suggested that a statement explaining the differences in reporting incidences of pneumoconiosis would be helpful in defusing any undue concern about PVC dust.
- 6 - Mr. Downey (reporting for Mr. Dan Kent) said that the PVC Fire Safety Committee was busy addressing two issues: the recent NBS report of the presence of phosgene in electrical arcing situations; and, the triannual consideration by the NFPA of the use of PVC conduit. Regarding the former, Mr. Downey noted that a position paper was being developed. Mr. Thomas reported that the European producers had developed such a document and he would send a copy to Mr. Downey. Regarding the latter, Mr. Downey reported that the activity for defending PVC conduit at the NFPA meeting was being headed by Mr. Van Der Voort who had headed the successful effort three years prior.
- 7 - Mr. Walker presented the Financial report (copy attached) noting that the Group was solvent at the moment but that funds needed to be raised for the upcoming year. He noted that the Group expenses were averaging about \$20,000 per month. After discussions, it was determined that the Steering Committee should recommend to the Group that \$250,000 be raised for the year June 1, 1980 to May 31, 1981, 50% to be assessed now, 50% to be assessed in six months.
- 8 - The meeting adjourned at 9:45 a.m. with no date set for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,



H. P. Toner
Asst. Technical Director

May 21, 1980
Attachments

REPORT OF ACTIVITIES OF PVC SAFETY GROUP HEALTH COMMITTEE

April 25, 1980

1. The Health Committee monitored the NIEHS/NIOSH/OSHA Symposium in Bethesda, Maryland, March 20-21, 1980. The papers and comments were tape recorded and transcribed and the slides were photographed. Two consultants were retained to help monitor the meeting. It was thought that comments on this Symposium might be used in the SPI submission in response to the OSHA request for data.
2. The Symposium produced little that was new; hence, only limited comment will be made about the Symposium in the submission to be made by SPI to OSHA, May 9.
3. References and comments for the OSHA submission are now being collected and prepared by an ad hoc committee working with Joe Hadley. The committee has met twice and will meet again May 1.
4. It is requested that Mr. Hadley be given indication of what individual companies plan to submit to OSHA May 9.
5. We have secured the services of Clark Cooper, M.D. to review the available papers on epidemiological studies on vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride. It is estimated that several thousand dollars will be required to complete this project. The assistance of other experts is also being considered on other subjects.
6. We are investigating the possibility of having Dan Boyd Associates prepare a computer indexed Bibliography of published and public documents related to vinyl chloride and polyvinyl chloride. A similar index has already been prepared for styrene. All companies represented at the ad hoc committee April 18 agreed with the concept. It's difficult to estimate cost, but \$30,000 - \$36,000 seems probable with additional annual costs to keep it up to date. It is not yet certain but it appears likely PVC Safety Group members can use the index at about \$30-40/hour (\$100 minimum).



T. R. Torkelson

TRT/cl

cc: PVC Safety Group
PVC Safety Group - Health Committee
SPI - John Lawrence

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SPI-PVC SAFETY GROUP
SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS

AS OF 2/29/80

AMOUNT

SOURCE:

1. Carryover from 1978/79 Operations-Per Ledger Printout \$24,931.53
Less: Hill and Knowlton Billing for May Services Not
Included in Public Relations Expense as of
5-31-79. (5,203.74)
Net Carryover From 1978-1979 \$ 19,727.79

2. <u>Assessments:</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Assessments</u>	<u>Assmts.Paid</u> <u>thru</u> <u>2/29/80</u>	<u>Net Assmts.</u> <u>Due at</u> <u>2/29/80</u>	
1978/79 Assessment Unpaid at 5/31/79	\$ 18,840.00	\$ 18,840.00	\$ -	
1979/80 Assessments-#1	103,843.00	103,843.00	-	
-#2	200,000.00	-	200,000.00	
Total Assessment Income		\$122,683.00		122,683.00
Net Assessments Receivable (See Attached Detail)			\$200,000.00	200,000.00

3. Meeting Income:

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4. Sales of Literature:

145.00

Total Funds Available - 2/29/80 \$342,555.79

DISPOSITION:

1. Current Year Expense:

Legal Expense - Actual thru Jan., 1980	\$137,032.23	
- Febr., 1980 Accrual	<u>16,574.57</u>	\$153,606.80
Public Relations Expense-Actual thru Dec., 1979	\$ 25,239.30	
- Jan. & Febr., 1980 Accrual	<u>8,611.64</u>	33,850.94
Meeting & Travel Expense		1,705.65
Research & Development Expense		1,300.00
Office Supplies & Expense		133.24
Telephone Expense		<u>546.70</u>
Total Expenses		\$191,143.30

Net Funds Available at 2/29/80 \$151,412.49

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SPI-PVC SAFETY GROUP
ASSESSMENT INCOME ANALYSIS
1979-80 ASSESSMENTS

<u>COMPANY</u>	<u>Total 1979-1980 Assessments</u>	<u>Payments Received thru 2-29-80</u>	<u>Net Assmts. Receivable at 2-29-80</u>
Air Products & Chemicals	\$ 6,880	\$ 1,920	\$ 4,960
B.F. Goodrich Chemical	49,130	16,530	32,600
Borden Chemical	16,940	3,840	13,100
Conoco Chemicals	26,463	9,223	17,240
Diamond Shamrock	35,040	12,300	22,740
Dow Chemical	43,550	15,150	28,400
Ethyl Corporation	10,530	3,770	6,760
Firestone Plastics Co.	11,620	3,080	8,540
General Tire & Rubber	2,370	850	1,520
Goodyear Tire & Rubber	3,320	1,880	1,440
Great American Chemical	1,500	540	960
Hooker Chemical	3,770	1,350	2,420
ICI Americas	6,450	2,310	4,140
Pantasote Co. of N.Y.	2,900	1,040	1,860
PPG Industries	8,600	3,080	5,520
Shell Chemical Co.	33,060	11,840	21,220
Shintech, Inc.	7,080	2,540	4,540
Stauffer Chemicals	11,800	4,420	7,380
Tenneco, Inc.	16,110	5,770	10,340
Union Carbide	3,770	1,350	2,420
Uniroyal Chemical	2,960	1,060	1,900
TOTALS	<u>\$303,843</u>	<u>\$103,843</u>	<u>\$200,000</u>

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SPI-PVC SAFETY GROUP
EDC COMMITTEE
SOURCE AND DISPOSITION OF FUNDS
AS OF 2-29-80

AMOUNT

SOURCE:

1. Carryover from 1978/79 Operations-Per Ledger Printout \$(8,818.02

<u>2. Assessments:</u>	<u>Assessment</u>	<u>Assmts. Paid</u> <u>thru</u> <u>2/29/80</u>	<u>Net Assmts.</u> <u>Due at</u> <u>2/29/80</u>	
1978/79/80 Assessment	\$ 31,000.00			
Less: Paid in 1978/79	6,000.00			
Bal. Due in 1979/80	25,000.00	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 1,000.00	
*Plus: Assmts. Overpaid		768.00		
Total Assessment Income		\$ 24,768.00		24,768.00
*Net Assessments Receivable			1,000.00	1,000.00
*(See Detail Following)				
<u>Total Funds Available-2/29/80</u>				<u>\$ 16,949.98</u>

DISPOSITION:

1. Current Year Expenses:

Legal Expense - Actual thru Jan., 1980	\$ 18,189.53		
- Febr., 1980 Accrual	46.78	\$ 18,236.31	
Meeting & Travel Expense		100.63	
Telephone Expense		239.36	
<u>Total Expense</u>			18,576.30
<u>Net Funds Available - 2/29/80</u>			<u>\$ (1,626.32)</u>

SPI-PVC SAFETY GROUP
EDC COMMITTEE
ASSESSMENT INCOME ANALYSIS

<u>Company</u>	<u>Total</u> <u>Assmts.</u>	<u>Payments</u> <u>Received</u> <u>1978-79</u>	<u>Assmts.</u> <u>Due</u> <u>1979-80</u>	<u>Payments</u> <u>Received</u> <u>1979-80</u>	<u>Net Assmts.</u> <u>Receivable</u> <u>At 2/29/80</u>
Borden Chemical Corp.	\$ 992	\$ 1,000	\$ (8)	\$ -	\$ (8)
Continental Chemicals	2,325	-	2,325	1,325	1,000
Diamond-Sharrock Corp.	3,782	1,000	2,782	2,782	-
Dow Chemical	9,672	-	9,672	9,672	-
Ethyl Corporation	1,922	-	1,922	1,922	-
B.F. Goodrich Chemical	2,015	-	2,015	2,015	-
ICI Americas	1,395	-	1,395	1,395	-
PPG Industries, Inc.	2,418	1,000	1,418	1,418	-
Shell Chemical Co.	5,239	1,000	4,239	4,239	-
Stauffer Chemical Co.	620	1,000	(380)	-	(380)
Union Carbide Corp.	620	1,000	(380)	-	(380)
 Totals	 \$31,000	 \$ 6,000	 \$25,000	 \$24,768	 \$ 232

Overpaid (-)

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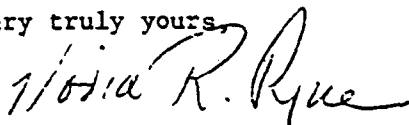
Wednesday, April 30, 1980
8:30 A. M.

A Breakfast Meeting of the PVC Safety Group's Steering Committee will be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, April 30, 1980 at 8:00 a.m. before the full Group meeting at 10:00 a.m. An agenda will be mailed to you within the next few weeks.

Kindly sign and return the attached form indicating your plans for attending.

Thank you,

Very truly yours,



Gloria R. Pyne
Secretary to John R. Lawrence

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Attachment

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SPI-08981

PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1980

TO: Gloria R. Pyne
The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
355 Lexington Avenue
New York, NY 10017

I will ☐

I will not ☐

attend the Breakfast Meeting of the PVC Safety Group's Steering
Committee scheduled for 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, April 30, 1980
at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C.

NAME _____

COMPANY _____

TELEPHONE # _____

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Vcm/Pvc Safety Group*

PVC SAFETY GROUP

Hyatt Regency Hotel
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Wednesday, April 30, 1980
10:00 A. M.

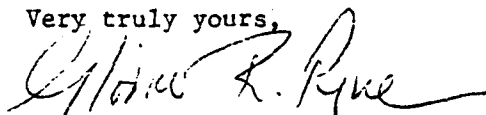
As indicated in the minutes of February 8, the meeting of the PVC Safety Group is scheduled to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 400 New Jersey Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, April 30, 1980 beginning at 10:00 a.m. adjournment approximately 4:00 p.m. A detailed agenda will be mailed to you within the next few days.

A block of forty (40) rooms has been reserved by the SPI for the night of April 29. Please call the hotel directly with your reservations (202/737-1234) mentioning this PVC meeting. The cut-off date for reservations is April 4.

Kindly sign and return the attached form indicating your plans for attending.

Thank you,

Very truly yours,



Gloria R. Pyne
Secretary to John R. Lawrence

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PLEASE RETURN BY FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 1980

TO: Gloria R. Pyne
The Society of the Plastics Industry, Inc.
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New York, NY 10017

I will ☐

I will not ☐

attend the full meeting of the PVC Safety Group scheduled to be held
at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, April 30,
1980 at 10:00 a.m.

NAME _____

COMPANY _____

TELEPHONE # _____

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VCM/PVC Health

PVC SAFETY GROUP - HEALTH COMMITTEE

Keller & Heckman Offices
WASHINGTON, D.C.

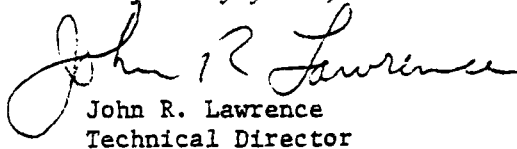
Thursday, May 1, 1980
Thursday, May 8, 1980

This is a reminder that two additional meeting of the PVC Health Committee is scheduled to be held at the Keller & Heckman offices on Thursday, May 1, and Thursday, May 8, 1980. The May 1 meeting will begin at 9:00 a.m. and May 8, at 2:00 p.m.

It is extremely important that these meetings be well attended as we will be getting ready to submit our critique, etc., to OSHA by the May 9 deadline.

Please call my secretary, Mrs. Gloria Pyne at 212/573-9437 regarding your attendance at these meetings as early as possible.

Very truly yours,


John R. Lawrence
Technical Director

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SPI-08985

PVC SAFETY GROUP - ALTERNATIVES COMMITTEE

Hill & Knowlton Offices
New York, NEW YORK

Monday, September, 15, 1980
10:00 A. M.

- 1 - Introductions
- 2 - Mission and Purpose Statement
- 3 - Organization of the Subcommittee
- 4 - Review of the Standard Setting Process
- 5 - Role of other PVC Safety Subcommittees
- 6 - Action Options
- 7 - Timetable
- 8 - Adjournment

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Antitrust Reminder

Group activities of competitors are inherently suspect under the antitrust laws. Many agreements among competitors, however, are both legal and beneficial to the industry. The best vehicle for enjoying the benefits of permitted agreements among competitors while avoiding the pitfalls of illegal agreements is by belonging to a trade association like SPI which takes its obligations in this regard very seriously.

All SPI staff members are well versed in antitrust matters and the association relies heavily on their judgment to see that topics which may give an appearance of an agreement that would violate the antitrust laws are not discussed at SPI meetings. The fact that an SPI staff member is present at a meeting, however, should not invite probing to determine how far a discussion can proceed before it becomes apparent that it is improper and is cut off. It is the responsibility of each member in the first instance to avoid raising improper subjects for discussion. This reminder has been prepared to assure that participants in SPI meetings are aware of this obligation.

The Do's and Don'ts presented below highlight only the most basic antitrust principles. Each participant in an SPI meeting should be thoroughly familiar with the SPI Bulletin "The Antitrust Laws and You—A Guide and Introduction to an Understanding of the Federal Antitrust Laws," and should consult counsel in all cases involving specific situations, interpretations, or advice.

DON'T

1. **IN FACT OR APPEARANCE**, discuss or exchange information regarding:
 - (a) Individual company prices, price changes, price differentials, mark-ups, discounts, allowances, credit terms, etc., or data that bear on price, e.g., costs, production, capacity, inventories, sales, etc.
 - (b) Industry pricing policies, price levels, price changes, differentials, etc.
 - (c) Changes in industry production, capacity or inventories.
 - (d) Bids on contracts for particular products; procedures for responding to bid invitations.
 - (e) Plans of individual companies concerning the design, production, distribution or marketing of particular products, including proposed territories or customers.
 - (f) Matters relating to actual or potential individual suppliers that might have the effect of excluding them from any market or of influencing the business conduct of firms toward such suppliers or customers.
2. Discuss or exchange information regarding the above matters during social gatherings incidental to SPI-sponsored meetings, even in jest.

DO

1. Adhere to prepared agendas for all SPI meetings and object any time meeting minutes do not accurately reflect the matters which transpired.
2. Understand the purposes and authority of each SPI group in which you participate.
3. Consult with the SPI General Counsel and your company counsel on all antitrust questions relating to SPI meetings.
4. Protest against any discussions or meeting activities which appear to violate the antitrust laws; disassociate yourself from any such discussions or activities and leave any meeting in which they continue.

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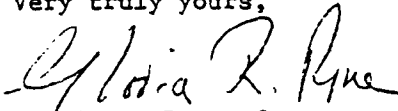
Monday, September 15, 1980
10:00 A. M.

The first meeting of the PVC Safety Group Alternatives Committee is now scheduled to be held at the Hill & Knowlton offices, 633 Third Avenue, New York City, Conference Room A, on Monday, September 15, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. The items to be discussed are attached.

Please call me immediately on receipt of this notice indicating your plans for attending.

Thank you,

Very truly yours,


Gloria R. Pyne, Secretary to
John R. Lawrence

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Attachment

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Subcommittee Chairmen
Keller & Heckman
Hill & Knowlton

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