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MINUTES OF MEETING

PLASTICS COMMITTEE

Baltusrol Golf Club
Springfield, New Jersey
May 1, 1969

PRESENT:

Messrs.

T. B. Nantz (Chairman), B. F. Goodrich Chemical Co.
R. L. Schuyler (Vice Chairman), E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co.
C. E. Denoon, Jr., Rohm and Haas Company
C. H. Hantho (for D. M. Gallagher), Canadian Industries Limited
R. J. Mahoney (for F. E. Reese), Monsanto Company
T. R. Miller, Union Carbide Corporation
M. H. P. Morand, The Dow Chemical Company
C. E. O'Connell (for W. C. Roher), Gulf Oil Company - U.S.
Roger Richards, Celanese Corporation
C. R. Scott, Phillips Petroleum Company
H. M. Zimmerman (for C. M. Neher), Ethyl Corporation
F. H. Carman (Secretary), MCA

and

W. F. Bartoe (Guest) (Chairman, Plastics Technical Subcommittee),
Rohm and Haas Company
George E. Best (Guest) (Technical Director), MCA

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EPIDEMIOLOGIC STUDY ON PVC

The Secretary reported this study at Michigan Institute of Industrial Health supported by 19 member and 2 non-member PVC producers has been completed. Each company has been advised of findings concerning its employees having cases or suspected cases of Raynaud's phenomenon or occupational acroosteolysis. There is a strong suspicion that "polycleaning" operations might be a contributing cause in seven or more companies. A report of the work has been cleared to all sponsors. The Occupational Health Committee and participating company representatives have been invited to a Washington meeting May 6 in which the Institute staff can clarify any questions on this complex problem. There will be an opportunity for free and open discussion to the extent that proprietary information is not disclosed.

COMBUSTION PRODUCTS - PVC

The Secretary commented briefly on this study being conducted by the Laboratory of Toxicology and Pathology at the HEW's National Center for Urban and Industrial Health, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Representatives of eight member companies and the MCA met with the USPHS staff during July 1968 and in February 1969. Following a full discussion of the problems concerned with pyrolysis products and the test program proposed, a number of resin compositions were supplied the Laboratory. Results of pyrolysis tests were reviewed in detail in the February meeting. The work is being continued and may include animal toxicity studies.

When the Laboratory requires advice on additives, plasticizers, and/or stabilizers as may be used in PVC compositions, other industrial representatives may be invited to participate.

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