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MINUTES

EPA COMMITTEE OF THE VCM AND PVC PRODUCERS GROUP

Sheraton-Hopkins Hotel
Cleveland, Ohio

June 12, 1974
10:30 a.m.

Attendees:

Warren S. Ferguson, Chairman Pro-Tem, Allied Chemical Corp., P. O. Box 1057 R, Morristown, N. J. 07960
Herbert B. Carr, Tenneco Chemicals, Inc., Turner Place, Piscataway, New Jersey
O. Paul Colten, Great American Chemical Corp., 650 Water Street, Fitchburg, Mass. 01420
William L. Cox, The Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 142 Goodyear Blvd., Akron, Ohio
John E. Ertel, Robintech, Inc., P. O. Box 2342, Fort Worth, Texas 76101
J. M. Gilmore, Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., 5408 Baker Avenue, Niagara Falls, N. Y. 14301
Joseph E. Hadley, Keller & Heckman, 1150 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
James B. Hardwick, Pantasote Co. of N. Y. Inc., 26 Jefferson Street, Passaic, New Jersey 07043
Tom Isbell, Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., Deer Park Plant, P. O. Box 500, Deer Park, Texas 77536
K. J. Kaminski, B. F. Goodrich Chemical Company, 6100 Oak Tree Blvd., Cleveland, Ohio 44134
Herbert H. Kauter, Hooker Chemical Corp., P. O. Box 456, Burlington, N. J. 08016
C. H. Kim, Uniroyal Chemical Company, Fairport-Nursery Road, Painesville, Ohio
Bruce E. Kurtz, Allied Chemical Company, P. O. Box 6, Solvay, N. Y. 13209
R. W. Laundrie, General Tire & Rubber Co., One General Street, Akron, Ohio 44329
Cecil P. Loechelt, Ethyl Corporation, P. O. Box 341, Baton Rouge, La. 70821
William W. Madden, Firestone Plastics Co., P. O. Box 699, Pottstown, Pa. 19464
W. R. Manning, Union Carbide Corporation, P. O. Box 8361, South Charleston, West Virginia 25304
R. S. Miller, Stauffer Chemical Company, Eastern Research Center, Dobbs Ferry, New York 10522
A. A. Reventas, Robintech, Inc., 3421 Vestal Road, Vestal, N. Y. 13850
L. F. Sargert, PPG Industries, Inc., 1 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa. 15220
Neil E. Seyler, Robintech, Inc. 786 Hardy Road, Painesville, Ohio 44077
E. N. Skiest, Borden Chemical Company, Elm Hill Avenue, Leominster, Mass.
W. Mayo Smith, Air Products & Chemicals, Inc., P. O. Box 538, Allentown, Pa.
R. N. Wheeler, Jr., Union Carbide Corporation, 437 MacCorkle Avenue, South Charleston, West Virginia 25303
Jack E. Zimmerman, Diamond Shamrock Chemical Co., 1100 Superior Avenue, Cleveland, Ohio 44114
Thomas J. McGrath, General Manager, SPI, 250 Park Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10017

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Warren Ferguson called the meeting to order and advised that he will have to resign as chairman. His OSHA duties at Allied Chemical will not allow him to spend the time needed for the EPA Committee work.

Joe Hadley of Keller and Heckman reported on his meeting with Russell Train's staff, as well as the press conference which Mr. Train called to report on EPA's VCM activity. He distributed a list of questions which EPA would like answered.

Warren Ferguson expressed the opinion that VCM will be listed as a hazardous material, and that we will have EPA regulations within a year.

Joe Hadley reported that EPA wants industry to monitor for VCM outside the fence line.

Mr. Ferguson stated that this committee should make certain that we don't conflict with the OSHA Committee. He said that this committee should begin reviewing what we can do technically to reduce VCM emissions to the atmosphere.

The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed and approved with the following corrections:

> Page 2 under item 3 - First sentence should contain the clause at the end, "at this point in time." We do not want to give the impression that it will never be possible to recapture VCM from highly diluted air streams.
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> Page 3 item 6A - Change "absorption" to "sorptic process."

A discussion was held about EPA's request for VCM information. Their letter contained an implied threat that if the information was not voluntarily given, EPA would seek to obtain it through legal means. The section under which they would proceed is Section 114, and the members referred to the EPA letter as the 114 request.

It was recommended that each company send a copy of their 114 reply to SPI omitting any confidential data. SPI will prepare a statistical compilation of the information. In their covering letter, the company should indicate what information can be used. If 75% of the respondents have no objection to supplying the information, SPI will compile it and it will be sent to the full committee.

This recommendation was put into a motion by Nick Wheeler of Union Carbide, seconded by C. H. Kim of Uniroyal and unanimously carried.

The committee turned its attention to the technical options for controlling the emission of VCM.

The following volunteered to investigate the technical options:

1) Destructive Mechanisms - Bruce Kurtz, Allied Chemical
   Nick Wheeler, Union Carbide
   Bill Cox, Goodyear