

CHEMICAL MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION
Federal Government Relations Committee
Friday, February 10, 1995
MINUTES

FGRC 279-1

PRESENT:

Mark Nelson, Chairman	DuPont
Julie Archuleta	Occidental Chemical Corporation
Joan Bernard	Tenneco, Inc.
Joe Gillan	Exxon Chemical Company
Faye Gorman	Dow Corning Corporation
Don Greeley	Hoechst Celanese Corporation
Geoff Hurwitz	Rohm and Haas Company
Joe McGuire	AlliedSignal, Inc.
Lee Nute	Miles, Inc.
Tim Burns, Staff Executive	CMA

PRESENT BY INVITATION:

Keith Belton	CMA
Gerrie Bjornson	BFGoodrich Company
Claude Boudrias	CMA
Katie Brophy	CMA
Sarah Brozena	CMA
Keith Christman	CMA
Don Evans	CMA
Robert Flagg	CMA
Mark Gallant	CMA
Tom Gilroy	CMA
Jim Godlove	Phillips Petroleum
Gary Griffith	CMA
Ned Griffith	ARCO Chemical Company
Polly Hannas	W.R. Grace and Company
Jace Hassett	Occidental Chemical Corporation
Clif Hilderley	Ashland Oil, Inc.
Mary Beth Kelliher	CMA
Ed Murphy	CMA
Heidi Oliver	CMA
Tom Parker	CMA
Laura Pettey	The Dow Chemical Company
Margaret Rogers	The Dow Chemical Company
Rose Marie Sanders	CMA

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2.0 ISSUE REPORTS

2.1 **Regulatory Reform:** Mr. Mayhew, CMA, updated the FGRC on the Environmental, Health, Safety, and Operations Committee's activities with regard to regulatory reform. He reported that the EHSOC has formed a steering group subcommittee that has been developing suggestions to improve the regulatory system. The committee has put together a list of CMA's top ten concerns with regulations. Also, fifteen to twenty "white papers" have been compiled that discuss specific regulations we would like modified.

Mr. Mayhew listed several issues the EHSOC committee has addressed: Great Lakes Initiative, Clean Air, TRI list, RCRA, TSCA, and the Shipping Act of 1984. Once the list is complete, the EHSOC will then begin working on the "fixes" to the problems with these regulations.

The FGRC requested copies of these papers as soon as they are complete in order to begin "selling" the reform ideas on Capitol Hill.

Mr. Mahyew reported that Karen Neale has been hired as a consultant to the EHSOC and will act as a liaison between that committee and the FGRC on regulatory reform.

Mr. Flagg, CMA, reviewed amendments that were approved at the markup of H.R. 450, "The Regulatory Transition Act of 1995". He also reported on amendments that will be brought up again today at another markup of the bill.

2.2 **Risk:** Mr. Belton, CMA, reported that the risk provisions of H.R. 9 (Title III), "The Job Creation and Wage Enhancement Act" were marked up by the House Science and Commerce committees Wednesday night. Amendments that were passed by the Commerce Committee are included in the handouts. Amendments passed by the Science Committee are not yet available.

Mr. Belton highlighted the seven biggest issues for CMA with the bill: 1) risk assessment; 2) prioritization - within and across federal agencies; 3) judicial review; 4) supermandates; 5) agencies covered; 6) the petition process; and 7) products exempted from provisions of the bill.

CMA is supportive of the bill. Title III is scheduled to go to the Rules Committee next week and is likely to be on the House floor by February 21. The Senate will take up the bill prior to the Easter Recess.

2.3 **Shipping Act Reform:** Mr. Schick, CMA, provided an update on Shipping Act reform legislation. He announced that CMA recently testified on the Shipping Act of 1984. Copies of the testimony and CMA's position paper on the Shipping Act are included in the handouts. Mr. Schick reported on the background of the Act. The Act was suppose to strike a balance between shippers and carriers; instead it created enhanced cartel powers or "conferences".

CMA has a unique opportunity to reform the Shipping Act in the 104th Congress. The CMA Distribution Committee has reaffirmed our position on the Shipping Act. The Chairman of the Coast Guard and Maritime Transportation Subcommittee of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee is ready to make changes to the Act. Markup in the subcommittee is scheduled for March 23.

The Grassroots Task Group has put together a list of priority grassroots meetings; forty-two member company volunteers are in the process of setting up meetings.

Ms. Gorman also announced that the "Grasstops" program has been approved by the CMA Board of Directors. The program is designed to commit CEO's to grassroots activity. Companies will be receiving information on the program in the future.


The Public Affairs Council, at a recent meeting, used CMA's grassroots material as an example of excellence during a presentation at the meeting.

3.0 OTHER BUSINESS

3.1 Ms. Archuleta, Occidental Chemical Corporation, expressed concern that the Washington Representatives are not being actively solicited to participate in the Washington Fly-In. Mr. Burns, CMA, announced that material on the fly-in will be mailed out to Washington Representatives and the issue will be on the agenda for the February 24 FGRC meeting.

3.2 Ms. Winkelman, CMA, reported on recent developments with regard to the Chemical Safety Board. The Board was created under the Clean Air Act and its purpose is to investigate chemical accidents. The Board has never officially convened. Recently, the Office of Management and Budget has put forward a proposed memorandum of understanding that OSHA and EPA take care of investigating chemical accidents without creating the Chemical Safety Board.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:10 a.m.


Timothy F. Burns
Staff Executive

Subject to approval.
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