



CITIZEN'S CLEARINGHOUSE FOR HAZARDOUS WASTES

A Grassroots Center for Environmental Justice

To: **Dioxin Steering Committee and Organizing Committee Members:** Laurie Valeriano, Alicia Culver, Leslie Byster, Jim Tramel, Ellen Connett, Terri Swearingen, Charle Cray, Morag Simpson, Carolyn Raffensperger, Denny Larson, Robin Seydel, Lois Gibbs, Jackie Hunt, Christensen, Nancy Odieh, Stephen Lester, Dollie Burwell, Paula Welch, Peter Montague, Tanisa Foxworth, Charlotte Brody, Angela Brown, Gary Cohen, Mary Lee Orr, Colleen Cooney, Maria Pellerano, Ken Deal, Florence T. Robinson, Billie Elmore, Ramona Stevens, Judy Endic, Terri Swearingen, William Fontenot, Connie Tucker, Mary O'Brien, Jackie Warledo, Jim Warren and Tom Webster

From: **Charlotte Brody and Daenon Gault, CCHW**

Re: **The First Meeting of the Post Cookbook-Dioxin Steering/ Conference Organizing Committee**

Date: **July 17, 1996**

By now you should have received a fax from Jen Hawkins and Hillel Gray of the National Environmental Law Center. They are inviting all of you to a one day meeting on Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals on Friday September 6. NELC has money to pay travel costs. For most people this will require a Saturday night stay over.

So we have this wonderful opportunity to sit down together on Saturday and talk face to face about our next steps, now that the cookbook is done. Since there is no other pot of money to pay for this face to face meeting everyone who needs financial assistance to get to Washington needs to call Jen Hawkins, NELC, 617-422-0880 or fax 617-422-0881 to immediately to request travel funding.

There is also no money to pay for lodging. If you don't have other friends or relatives in the DC area to stay with, your allies at CCHW will put you up in their humble lodgings.

So here it is, the official announcement:

Now that the cookbook's done, what next: the first meeting of the ongoing dioxin steering committee

• **Saturday, September 7, 1996**
10:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

Palagonia
Wisconsin Avenue in Georgetown

Call CCHW to let us know if your coming and to arrange lodging. Call Jen Hawkins immediately for travel reimbursement.

**Pollution Prevention Network
Reproductive Toxins: Strategy Meeting
BACKGROUND INFORMATION SHEET**

Name/Affiliation:

Please provide a brief description of relevant work in the area of reproductive toxins (summary of project or campaign, highlight key tactics, coalition members, etc.). Also, attach materials (articles, reports, etc.) that describe your work in greater depth and could be distributed at the meeting.

Lastly, please suggest any resource people, or participants to invite.

**PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN BY AUGUST 7
to NELC, 29 Temple Place Boston, MA 02111, or fax - (617)422-0881.**

July 17, 1996

TO: Local, state and national pollution prevention activists
FR: Charlotte Brody, CCHW; Jackie Hunt Christensen, IATP; Charlie Cray, Greenpeace;
Hillel Gray, NELC; Carolyn Hartmann, USPIRG; Orrin Williams, PCR
RE:

**Pollution Prevention Network
Reproductive Toxins: Strategy Meeting
Friday, September 6, 1996
Washington, DC**

We would like to invite you to attend a meeting of activists to develop campaign strategies on reproductive toxins and to promote cooperation among those who are working on this issue. We want to focus the meeting on one or two existing strategies where there is potential for progress and greater collaboration. The goal is to develop and refine a campaign plan that could be implemented at the local, state and possibly national levels. We have timed the meeting to take place the day before the first meeting of the Dioxin Steering Committee that grew out of the Baton Rouge Conference.

A survey of dozens of activists around the country indicated their greatest interest in focusing on PVC, particularly in the context of consumer use and medical incineration. We anticipate having a discussion of PVC as it relates to endocrine disrupting chemicals, and how the use of these chemicals in specific consumer products can translate into a popular campaign. There was also strong interest in looking at campaigns around pesticides. If there is sufficient interest among those who will definitely be attending the meeting we will consider the possibility of addressing both topics.

In the next month we will be refining the agenda and gathering background materials. We would like the agenda to include brief presentation(s) on the "state of the science" and spend the bulk of the meeting focusing on discussion of campaign strategies, policy options, specific tactics and plans for collaboration. We have ambitious goals for the meeting and therefore want to make the best use of time. Prior to the meeting we will send all participants an informational packet that will include relevant background materials on the issue(s) and existing strategies so that we can spend the brief time we have together on planning and problem solving rather than information sharing. Furthermore, we are asking participants to complete the attached **Background Information form**. We will distill the campaign updates and make the information available in a written format prior to the meeting. We invite anyone who is interested in helping to develop the agenda to contact Jennifer Hawkins at NELC.

Expected attendance is approximately 30 activists. Please fill out the enclosed response form by August 7. Limited travel subsidies are available on a first come, first serve basis.

For more information contact Jennifer Hawkins, NELC, 617-422-0880, (fax) 617-422-0881,
e-mail - jelyhawk@aol.com.



To: Activists involved in reproductive toxin campaigns/projects
 Fr: [Hillel, Charlotte, Carolyn, Gary, Bill, Guy/Monica, Leslie]
 Date: July 2, 1996
 Re: Strategy Meeting: timing/topic to focus on at the meeting.

We are planning a meeting to bring together key players who are working on reproductive toxics to develop campaign strategies and promote cooperation among local activists. NELC has travel funding through its Pollution Prevention Network project to subsidize travel for about 15 people, depending on how thrifty we can be. Based on initial discussions with many of you we expect to focus on 1 or 2 strategies where there are clear opportunities for progress and cooperation. The goal of the meeting will be to actually develop a campaign plan (or plans) that could be implemented at local, state or possibly the national level. (A summary of the June 13 conference call is attached.)

This memo aims to poll people on meeting dates and topics. We think it would be helpful and important to bring people together as soon as possible. Please respond to Jennifer Hawkins at NELC by Wednesday, July 10.

1. Strategic focus of the meeting. Please mark preferences 1, 2, and 3. Please indicate if you (or your organization) would not attend a meeting focused on a given topic. The agenda will be determined by the participants.

	Preference	Would not attend
Consumer campaign -- PVC, paper, etc.		
Consumer campaign -- products for children		
Dry cleaning		
Electronics industry		
Hospitals and medical waste -- general		
Medical waste incinerators		
Mercury		
Pulp and paper -- general		
Paper -- consumption and procurement		
PVC -- general		
PVC -- hospitals		
Pesticide use		
Petroleum refineries: gasoline		
Other: _____		

2. Dates. Since the lowest airfares require a Saturday night stayover, the meeting will be held on a Monday or Friday, with possibly a 1/2 day on the weekend. We are coordinating this meeting with the Baton Rouge dioxin conference Steering Committee and want to choose the date that will maximize attendance at both meetings.

August 16 Friday --	Good	Available	Not available
September 6 Friday --			

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update needed
 Spring 1996
 10:00 AM agenda

TQ: Charlotte Brody, Deb Bruns, Paul Burns, Leslie Byxter, Gary Cohen, Andy Comai,
Charlie Cray, Alicia Culver, Carolyn Hartmann, JoLani Hironaka, Jackie Hunt,
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 FR: Hillel Gray, Jen Hawkins
 August 6, 1996

I am faxing you two documents for the conference call at 4:30 EDT (please dial 617-225-2125). Along with the draft agenda below, you will also find a list of the people who are planning to attend the meeting.

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 Occupational Health Perspective - JoLani Hironaka or Mandy Hawes??
 Existing Campaigns - Charlotte Brody?? -
 Moderator - ???

Transcripts
 to be read

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11:30 - ... Focus on PVCs - The Solution - Moderator??

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 Consumer products
 Other targets

Legislative - national/state/local
 Right to Know
 Bans or phase-outs
 Procurement
 Other

Corporate Campaigns

B. Campaign planning (for those campaigns that are appropriate for collaboration):

Research - reports, fact sheets, etc.
 Media/public education
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C. Networking, communication, follow-up steps

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TO: Charlotte Brody, Deb Bruns, Paul Burns, Leslie Byster, Gary Cohen, Andy Comai,
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NAME	AFFILIATION	Y/N
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ShaKing Alston	Center for Family, Work	yes*
Chris Bedford	Citizen's for CO. Reponsibility	yes
Mike Beliveau	CBE - CA	yes or Denny
Charlotte Brody	CCHW	yes
Deb Bruns	NELC	yes
Paul Burns	MASSPIRG	yes
Leslie Byster	SVTC	yes
Gary Cohen	Learning Alliance	yes
Colburn (Richard Liroff)	WWF	yes
Andy Comai	UAW	yes
Charlie Cray	Greenpeace	yes
Alicia Culver	Govt. Purchasing Project	yes
Peter Defur	Center for Enviro. Studies	yes
Tracy Easthope	Ecology Center of Ann Arbor	yes
Bob Eleff	MN Center for Environmental	yes
Ken Geiser	TURI - MA	likely
Carolyn Hartmann	USPIRG	yes
JoLani Hironaka	SCCOSH	yes
Jackie Hunt Christensen	IATP	yes
Denny Larson	CBE - CA	yes or Mike B.
Dan Nicoli	OCAW	likely*
Nancy Oden	Clean Maine	yes
Susan Mudd	CBE-WI	yes
Maria Pelerano	Environmental Research Fnd.	yes
Carolyn Raffensperger	Science & Environmental	yes
Scott Sederstrom	GLU	yes
Bryonny Schwan		yes*
Ted Schettler	PSR - NE	yes
Jan Stout	PSR - DC	yes
Terry Swearingen	Tri-State Environmental Council	yes
Robyn Sydel	Action for Women's Health	yes
Andrea Kidd Taylor	UAW	likely
Joel Tickner	University of Lowell/Greenpeace	yes
Laurie Valeriano	WTC	yes
Jim Warren	NC WARN	yes
Damon Whitehead	Sierra Club Legal Defense Fund	yes
Guy Williams	NWF	yes or Monica
Orrin Williams	People for Community Recovery	yes
Monica Wroblewski	NWF	yes or Guy
Eric Weltman	MCCHW	yes

