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SUBJECT: Summary - Stakeholder Meeting to Discuss Case Studies on Gas Chromatographs, Static Eliminators and Fixed Gauges

The purpose of the meeting was to communicate to stakeholders the status of the case studies; receive early feedback and comments from stakeholders before continuing with the case studies; and solicit from stakeholders comments or insights regarding the use of risk information in the NRC's regulation of gas chromatographs, static eliminators and fixed gauges. The referenced meeting was held in the NRC Auditorium on February 9, 2001. The meeting was noticed in the Federal Register (66 FR 2010, January 10, 2001).

The meeting transcripts, attendance lists, the presentation slides and meeting handouts are attached.

Summary:

On February 9, 2001, the Risk Task Group held a public meeting to discuss its case studies on gas chromatographs, static eliminators and fixed gauges. The meeting's objectives were (1) to discuss testing of draft screening criteria and development of safety goals through the case studies, and (2) to solicit recommendations and comments on how NRC should proceed with the case studies, apply the draft screening criteria, develop safety goals, and incorporate risk information into its regulatory program. Thirty-three stakeholders attended the case study meeting. The stakeholders were from industry, citizens' groups, and the NRC.

Meeting attendees provided feedback on the case studies and the use of risk information. Some meeting attendees questioned the purpose, selection and direction of the case studies. They commented specifically on expanding the scope of the site decommissioning case study. Some participants expressed the need for the NRC to look at the totality of additive dose from multiple sources to workers and members of the public.

The stakeholders recommended that the staff consider additional information (data and analytical studies) before making final conclusions in the respective case studies. One stakeholder recommended that the data on the thefts, losses and abandonments of gas chromatographs be considered with respect to the protection of property. Some attendees recommended that economic risk should be considered with dose and health effects in making a risk-informed decision. Remarks were made to reconsider public perception of the risk

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Issues related to public participation were also discussed. A recommendation was made by a stakeholder to have the stakeholder meetings accessible by live webcast to reach a larger stakeholder audience.

The staff emphasized that no decisions or final conclusions have been made on the case studies and that the staff would consider the stakeholders' feedback before continuing with the case studies.

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