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Subject: Ducatman

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From: Bob Ritchey, FLPR SHEA, CRP711/130, 999-2870
Subject: Ducatman

After our conference call yesterday, I called Judy Walrath back because I was curious for more information on the off-handed comment she had made that she had attended a conference and heard that "PFOA was on a fast-track as a potential carcinogen".

Judy indicates that one of the co-authors of the JOM article associating PFOA production at the 3M plant to prostate cancer (the death certificate study) presented that paper at the National Cancer Institute's late April '94 conference on Occupational and Urogenital Cancers. Judy attended. The paper was presented without any disclaimers or qualifiers or limitations and Judy had to bite her tongue to avoid challenging it on the flaws we saw in it for fear of being branded the industry response. Aaron Blair, epidemiologist with NCI and known to be very interested in occupational cancers, then acknowledged the paper in front of the audience as an excellent paper. A person in attendance was Alan Ducatman, who is with WVU. He called Dr. Karrh to and indicated to him his feeling that PFOA was on a fast-track to being identified as a potential carcinogen. Dr. Karrh alerted Judy (see attached old email), who called Dr. Zobel at 3M who indicated he would call Ducatman.

We don't know what came of that call, but have not heard anything more from Ducatman or anyone else.

I've asked Judy to contact Dr. Zobel or Jeff Mandel with 3M and see what came of the followup with Ducatman.

I pass this along to keep us all aware of the perceptions and linkages that are "out there" around CB.

Regards,

Bob Ritchey

*** Forwarding note from WALRATJ --ISDCVVM1 09/13/94 08:54 ***

To: RITCHERL--ISDCVVM1

From: Judy Walrath
Epidemiology/Haskell/CR&D, 38-66594

Subject: Ducatman

Bob, For your information. I'll follow-up with 3M and let you know what I learn. Judy

*** Forwarding note from KARRHEW --ISDCVVM1 05/27/94 14:44 ***

To: WALRATJ --ISDCVVM1

From: Bruce W. Karrh * 4-9513 * N-10460-6

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Subject: Ducatman

Alan Ducatman of University of WVa called me today. He was at the NCI conference where you gave the AN paper. His comment was that NCI has perfluorooctanoic acid on a "fast track" and, if we are planning any work on this compound, he would like to be involved. He was aware that we made or used it at a "West Virginia" plant, something I didn't confirm nor deny but told him I would get in touch with the people who may be involved with that chemical and let them know of his interest.

I tried to call Gerry Kennedy but he was not in. Will you please pass on to him Alan's interests?? Thanks

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