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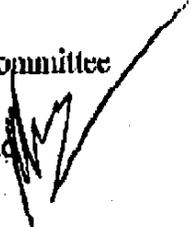
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ETS-OSHA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 21, 1997

TO: ETS Coordinating Committee

FROM: Marco Giamberardino 

RE: Meeting Notes

The following is a brief overview of our meeting held March 11. Please note that the next meeting will be held April 8 after the regularly scheduled WWG meeting.

Attendees:

Dick White	Mike Forscey
Marco Giamberardino	Jim Savarese
John Hoel	Tom Donohue
Amy Thompson	Harry Kaiser
Tim Hecht	Rich Gross
Rusty Mathews	

Purpose of Committee: To draft a coordinated strategy in preparation for the time when issues relating to environmental tobacco smoke become a front-burner issue again.

Major Issues of Concern:

- Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) revision of Standard 62
- OSHA Appropriations
- EPA Activity: PM/Ozone Standard revision, Children's Health Office Appropriations, Milestones for 2005

Meeting Notes:

The Labor Management Committee (LMC) gave an overview its structure and a history of their involvement with tobacco issues. LMC has been directly involved in four major areas: taxes, ETS, FDA, and ingredients disclosure.

LMC reported that although there was no "official" position on EPA's proposed revision of the PM/Ozone standard, the argument that EPA uses "junk science" to get whatever conclusions they want (such as the EPA ETS Risk Assessment) could be made.

Agreed that the PM/Ozone proposal is just another example of EPA's aggressive moves toward grabbing jurisdiction over indoor air. The new Children's Health Office will simply be another tool in that endeavor. It was agreed that the line-item for this office should be removed from EPA's FY '98 budget.

Held discussion as to whether and how we could get the AFL-CIO to come to a position on the EPA PM/Ozone standard by using the jobs and economic argument.

Resolved to kill OSHA's FY '98 budget request for regional "enforcement response teams," which would develop the following programs relating to health and safety, ergonomics, and indoor air quality.

cc: Dick White
Scott Wilson
Walter Woodson