

## THE EUROPEAN COUNTERPART TO "OPERATION DOWNUNDER"

### THE ROLE OF S&T PME

#### DESCRIPTION OF THE PROJECT

- In the USA, there are two basic components of the ETS project : a corporate affairs side (ie. Big Chill) and a scientific side (ie. indoor air quality research).!
- In Europe, in analogy to the USA, Corporate Affairs EEC and EEMA are dealing with the political and communications aspects of the ETS project, whereas the operational objective of S&T PME is to provide scientific / technical services : [a] the generation of knowledge (data, reviews - help of C&B), [b] the development of scientific witnesses (help of C&B), and [c] the organisation of public focal points (scientific events - help of SH&B).
- Over and above the specific services [a], [b] and [c], S&T PME provides advice on the broader and more general scientific, and technical aspects concerning indoor air quality (liaison with ACVA, internal briefings, etc).
- The strategic objective for S&T PME is to go beyond the establishment of a controversy concerning an alleged ETS health risk but to disperse the suspicion of risk.
- S&T PME is working to a budget of sfr 2.5 million per annum in line with corporate decision (see also US part of the scientific programme).
- S&T PME makes every effort to remain in the mainstream of scientific / technical information on indoor air quality and

*relies, in part, on the continued input of information concerning the political and other PR aspects provided by the local and regional corporate affairs departments.*

*- S&T PME assesses the basic necessities in the scientific field taking into account the gaps in scientific knowledge, the national and regional political requirements and balances this within the framework of available resources.*

*- As a rule and within the framework of available resources, S&T PME will provide for the basic and general scientific services in terms of generation of data and reviews, the organisation of events, as well as the development and deployment of witnesses. However, large local scientific efforts in response to a specific local requirement will have to be covered by a separate budget (eg. a massive deployment of witnesses or a particular nation-wide study which corresponds more to a political than scientific necessity - eg. see Perry 1987).*

*- S&T PME continues to consult with S&T Richmond, with C&B and with SH&B.*

*- S&T PME and C&B liaise closely with other industry scientists in order to encourage the other manufacturers to join in the projects, either directly or within the framework of NMAs, and to share the financing (analogy, USA).*

*- S&T PME will systematically use C&B as legal intermediates with scientists and testing laboratories, as soon as this firm has a permanent presence in Europe.*

*- S&T PME uses SH&B as legal intermediate for the organisation of scientific events.*

PROCEDURES

- *The planning and budgeting procedures which apply normally to S&T (and R&D) are applied for this project.*
- *S&T PME collects the information necessary for planning and budgeting in consultation with EEMA and EEC staff departments.*
- *S&T PME, with the help of C&B, coordinates and controls the deployment of scientific resources in accordance with the needs and demands of corporate affairs and management at the local and regional HQ level.*
- *In the case of conflict of interests, such a conflict is resolved along the established lines of management.*
- *S&T PME liaises with C&B and SH&B within the respective fields of application (ETS / IAQ) and according to the agreed division of competences (C&B - data, reviews, witnesses / SH&B - events).*
- *S&T PME, in collaboration with C&B, undertakes the utmost effort to persuade other manufacturers to make a joint scientific and financial commitment in this project.*

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