

## **Meeting on Right-to-Know With Governor Florio December 17, 1992**

Jane Nogaki, Co-Chair, Right to Know & Act Coalition

Bill Kane, New Jersey Director, UAW

Rick Engler, Vice-President, IUC

Amy Bahruth, Staff, CWA Local 1031 (Member, Governor's RTK Advisory Council)

Charles Steinel, President, N.J. Firemen's Mutual Benevolent Association  
Joel Harris, Legislative Chairman, FMBA

Nelson Carasquillo, Director, CATA - Farmworkers Support Committee  
Eduardo Rivera, Organizer, CATA

Ellen Sheared, AFSCME Council 1

John Hall, Secretary-Treasurer, Chemical Workers Association (duPont)

Ivey Williams, President, International Chemical Workers Association 155

Don Weir, Carpenters District Council of South Jersey

Frank DeMaria, President, N.J. Council of Machinists

Bob Hendricks, Safety Committee, Aluminum, Brick & Glass Workers Local 482

Beverly Barthmaier, Lumberton First Aid Squad

Joe Hunt, Leg. Rep. American Federation of Teachers - New Jersey

Wendy Benchley, Mercer County Freeholder

Diane Burke, Paulsboro Environmental Commission

Marie Curtis, Legislative Director, Environmental Lobby

Rob Stuart, Program Director, N.J. Public Interest Research Group

Amy Goldsmith, Executive Director, N.J. Environmental Federation

Dolores Phillips, Legislative Director, N.J. Environmental Federation

Tim Dillingham, Director, N.J. Sierra Club

Mark Liebiskind, Bayonne Citizens for Clean Air

Jane Field, M.D., Pediatrician

David Tykulsker, Coalition Counsel

Diana Crowder, Industrial Hygienist

### **Others Who Cannot Be Here Due To Scheduling Conflicts:**

Peter Smith, President, N.J. Firefighters, IAFF-AFL-CIO  
(Chair, Governor's RTK Advisory Council)

Peter Shucter, Political Director, N.J. Citizen Action

Wayne Dibofsky, Assoc. Director, Gov. Relations, N.J. Education Association

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## PROPOSED AGENDA

- 1) Introductions - Jane Nogaki
- 2) Some Key Points - Rick Engler  
Importance of Universal Labeling-Bob Hendricks  
Public School Impact-Jane Field, M.D.  
Legal Rationale Why Statute Should Not Be Changed-David Tykulsker
- 3) Requests (below) & Discussion

### REQUESTS TO GOVERNOR FLORIO CONCERNING A1232 & OUR RIGHT-TO-KNOW LAW

The New Jersey Right-to-Know & Act Coalition, representing 160 labor, community, emergency response, and public health organizations, requests that Governor Florio adopt a four point approach toward dealing with the current attack on the New Jersey Worker and Community Right-to-Know law:

- 1) Publicly oppose statutory changes to the law, publicly oppose A.1232, and commit to veto it if it passes the legislature. Contact Assemblypersons Doria and Shinn and inform them of progress in issuing regulations (#2).
- 2) Publicly support regulatory changes that would reduce certain employer burdens without endangering public health. A list of such changes supported by the Coalition has been previously given to the Department of Health and to your staff. Immediately ask the Department of Health to expedite changes to the right-to-know rules so that proposed rules (prior to publication in the N.J. Register) could be circulated by January 12, 1993. This approach should also be used with DEPE right-to-know regulations.
- 3) Utilize part of the current reserves in the Right-to-Know Trust Fund to provide compatible computer equipment and training for Local Emergency Planning Committees to assist emergency responders in dealing with chemical spills and fires.
- 4) Support current DEPE Bureau of Pesticide Control efforts to provide farmworkers right-to-know training and information via the regulatory process.