

Food Contact Alliance Summary of Meeting—May 9, 2005

The last meeting of the Food Contact Alliance was held on May 9, 2005 during the RadTech International North America member meeting in Chicago. Thirty-four individuals representing twenty-two member companies attended the meeting. Also attending were Keller and Heckman and representatives from five visiting companies.

The work of the Substrate committee has been summarized in an article on film degradation, "Effects of Electron Beam Curing Energy on Plastic Films", which will be presented at the next TAPPI conference.

Substrates have been prepared with an experimental design set of coatings. A revised quantitative test method appears to work well to evaluate potential migration of the workhorse monomers. The new test method was distributed to all of the member companies. The next steps are revalidation of the test method and completion of extraction studies.

The Tox Committee is working on a final version of a letter to FDA, including a summary of acrylate toxicity. We will request a preliminary meeting with FDA in mid-June. Still planning to submit the FCN before the end of 2005.