

MINUTES
MANUFACTURING AND MINING COMMITTEE
OJAI VALLEY INN AND COUNTRY CLUB
OJAI, CALIFORNIA

October 8, 1974

Mr. W. W. Holloway, Chairman of the Manufacturing and Mining Committee, called the meeting to order at the Ojai Valley Inn, Ojai, California at 10:30 a.m. Those in attendance were:

M. M. Hambrick	The Celotex Corporation
R. J. Kearney	The Celotex Corporation
E. R. Kiehl	The Celotex Corporation
C. E. Abbey	The Flintkote Company
J. D. Friedlein	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
J. R. Watt	Georgia-Pacific Corporation
W. W. Holloway	United States Gypsum Company
H. D. Gobrecht	United States Gypsum Company
R. B. Cartwright	Legal Counsel
A. V. Abnee, Jr.	Gypsum Association
D. E. Brackett	Gypsum Association
F. J. Rogers	Gypsum Association

The minutes of the April 9, 1974 Manufacturing and Mining Committee meeting were approved as published.

1. AIR AND WATER POLLUTION

The committee briefly reviewed the Environmental Protection Agency industry air study, noting that no further EPA action had been taken relative to standards development since the air study was concluded.

Secretary Rogers reported on the EPA industry water study currently being conducted by VerSar, Inc., Springfield, Virginia. He stated that the EPA and VerSar representatives had visited the three western New York gypsum plants and the Southard, Oklahoma (alpha gypsum) operation with favorable comments on all locations visited. Secretary Rogers stated that industry questionnaire forms had been returned to VerSar, Inc., and that water sampling was planned to be conducted October 15, 16 and 17, 1974 at the western New York plants with observation of the sink-float beneficiation operation at the Celotex Port Clinton plant on October 18, 1974. Mr. Rogers reported that the EPA industry project should be completed by the end of 1974 with the results published in the Federal Register in early 1975. He noted that industry review of the final report covering this study would be afforded prior to Federal Register publication. This subject was carried on the agenda.

The committee briefly reviewed the State of Michigan air surveillance program and on motion unanimously approved, this item was dropped from the agenda.

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proposed by the Gypsum Association, at the AAR meeting October 14-17, 1974. He stated that the industry could be requested to meet with the AAR to negotiate the requested changes. Mr. Rogers stated that he would advise the industry of the AAR conclusions to the proposed changes.

8. INDUSTRY WASTE PAPER SHORTAGE

The committee reviewed the June 28, 1974 reply letter from the United States Department of Commerce relative to Commerce Department waste paper conservation efforts. Following a brief discussion, on motion unanimously carried, this subject was dropped from the agenda.

9. UNDERWRITERS' LABORATORIES/GYPSUM ASSOCIATION LIAISON

Mr. Brackett, Building Code Committee Secretary, reported on this subject, noting the importance of manufacturers' cooperation with UL on quality assurance and other programs. The subject was carried on the agenda.

10. ASBESTOS DUST - JOINT COMPOUND

Secretary Rogers reported that there had been no further Association activity in this area since the annual meeting when the Association test program was completed. On motion unanimously approved, this subject was dropped from the agenda.

11. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Mr. Brackett reported on this subject, noting April 4, 1974 hearings on sampling program. On motion unanimously approved, this subject was dropped from the agenda.

12. METRIC SYSTEM

Mr. Brackett reported on this subject, stating that the gypsum industry should consider taking the lead in establishing the metric equivalents which it wished to use whenever eventual conversion did take place, so that other industries with whom we relate would be guided into accepting our equivalents rather than alternatives which they might propose. Following some discussion, the Secretary was requested to circulate the Technical Committee Proposed Metric Conversion Chart for review and comment by the M&M Committee. Such review is to be completed as soon as possible so that the Technical Committee can contact other building manufacturing trade associations relative to our industry's metric dimensions. This subject was carried on the agenda.

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