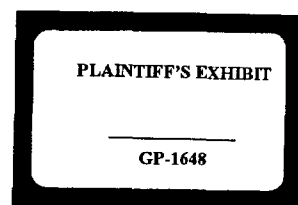


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The Gypsum Association has formed a committee to investigate the field hazards pertaining to the mixing and sanding of joint compounds. Gene O'Neill represented us at a recent meeting. During the discussions he learned that USG National have comprehensive programs for monitoring recording levels of asbestos fiber at various locations at their plants. I had a recent discussion with Don H. National and he confirmed that National has their own program for measuring dust levels and collecting the data. They have used this information to correct situations where the airborne asbestos is above allowable levels. He stated that presentation of this data to OSHA inspectors has satisfied them and prevented fines and citations. Perhaps we should consider a similar program so we don't have continual problems with OSHA at our joint system plants.

I have enclosed a copy of Gene O'Neill's report from the Gypsum Association meeting.

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