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To: Members of Asbestos Study Committee

Subject: General Information

Based on discussions at the February 16, 1973 meeting, and suggestions from your Chairman, the following topics are covered.

Labeling Practices

Samples of the Asbestos Caution signs used by asbestos and friction manufacturers are attached. One label is not per OSHA standards. This information is sent to the Committee for review so that they will be in a position to propose label specifications at the next meeting.

Enclosed also are the results of the labeling survey made of Institute members. Of 25 requests, there were 15 replies.

Laboratories for Sampling and/or Counting Airborne Asbestos Fibers

A list of laboratories and the contact (if available) for sampling and/or counting airborne asbestos fibers was prepared by the Chairman. This is distributed to the Committee for their information. Similar data will be sent to the Membership.

British Conference on exposure to asbestos during brake and clutch maintenance (1969)

Your Chairman has forwarded papers presented at a British Conference on exposure to asbestos during brake and clutch maintenance, for distribution to the Committee. The papers are:

Asbestos and Asbestosis
Hygiene Standards for Asbestos
Technical Implementation of the New Asbestos Regulations
Control of the Use of Asbestos-Containing Friction Materials
Exposure to Asbestos During Brake Maintenance
Removing Dusts from Brake Assemblies During Vehicle Servicing - Alternate Cleaning Methods
Possible Alternatives to Asbestos as a Friction Material

Work-shop on effect of Government Safety and Health Regualtions and Suggestions for Compliance

The Committee resolved at the February meeting that it is interested in a work-shop on the above. Such a work-shop would be geared toward those at administrative levels actually responsible for compliance with regulations: Factory Management, Plant Engineering, Environmental Services, Administration, etc. This would cover items on control of asbestos, general pollution control, waste disposal and would concern equipment and techniques.

The Institute would be happy to sponsor such a one day work-shop, perferably in the Paramus area but possibly at other locations. It is recommendedthat the Committee bring suggestions for a specific agenda. The Johns-Manville Corporation (through Bill Reitze) would like to give a presentation on their HEAF (High Energy Air Filter) pollution control equipment. It would be up to the Committee to decide whether to invite Johns-Manville - no longer an Institute member.

Heat Stress Measurements

NIOSH recommendations for a standard for work in hot environments along with some specifics on equipment and testing are enclosed. These had been distributed earlier to those Committee members who had attended the February 16th meeting. This subject was not discussed at the meeting.

Statistical Evaluation of the Membrane Filter Method

At the February meeting those who attended received copies of the Conclusions and Recommendations from a private study (By LFE Corporation for the Asbestos Information Association/NA) on the precision and accuracy of the membrane filter method for measuring airborne concentrations of asbestos fiber. Copies are distributed for those not present. (Major heading "Conclusions and Discussion" with pages 43-46 of the report.)

International Compumedics Corporation (ICM)

Enclosed is a copy of a letter received from Mr. Don Iverson of ICM. This was discussed at the Committee meeting and is sent to insure that those not present are informed.

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Enclosure:

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