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Benson Corporation, Carlisle Corporation and the Abex Corporation. This involves some members who serve the Institute's Committee. Mr. Weaver sits on both the ad hoc committee and this committee. Mr. Nicholson also has attended ad hoc committee meetings and is a member of this Committee. Mr. Drislane, the Secretary, has been invited to sit in on AIA ad hoc Committee Meetings. The Institute has already coordinated activities as regards labeling and training questionnaires with the ad hoc Committee, in response to a request from Mr. Richard Guimond of the EPA's Office of Toxic Substances Control. The EPA is seeking information concerning labeling and training practices with the aim of perhaps a voluntary guidance document for friction materials users. It was suggested that the Institute should cooperate with, rather than duplicate the work of the ad hoc committee. This has been done to this point. It is not felt the Institute's committee should duplicate the efforts of the ad hoc Committee since the same members are participating on both committees. However, the Institute would reserve the right to object to possible actions of the ad hoc Committee and to take its own position if it felt it appropriate. Also, should the Institute membership feel that it is necessary, this Committee would reserve the right to reply on its own to initiatives of the Office of Toxic Substances Control. The Committee members recommend that the Institute continue cooperating with the AIA's ad hoc Committee in making this ongoing response to the Environmental Protection Agency. Where it felt additional response or other responses were called for it would take that action.

It was pointed out that in staffing the Office of Toxic Substances Control some of these working on the guidance document and regulations that may follow were new to the asbestos and friction materials area. A member questioned whether there is anything that the Institute could do to help educate EPA personnel concerning friction materials and their use of asbestos. It was stated that some regulatory people approach asbestos with almost a paranoid attitude. Some apparently will not even touch an asbestos-containing brake lining. Perhaps they need to be shown the difference between raw asbestos in its fibrous natural makeup and pieces of brake linings and clutch facings which contain locked in asbestos. Also, they might be able to see the differences with brakewear debris if they could be shown some.

A member referred to the Enterline Report which was given at the September 1979 meeting of AIA, where an attempt was made to study more fully the effects of smoking and asbestos exposure. In the past, it had been indicated that there had been no more frequency of lung cancer among asbestos workers who did not smoke than in the general population. Some of the Enterline data at the September meeting indicated that there had been some excess indication of lung cancer with asbestos workers who did not smoke.

It was suggested that a plant tour might be appropriate for members of the Environmental Protection Agency to see the controls that had been put in place in the workplace. Perhaps, corporate films or slide