for this type because I haven't seen any listed in the Bureau of Mines list that has come out. I have learned, that to date, there is only one that is approved and it is by a company called Berke on the West Coast. I haven't succeeded in learning whether any of them are locally available but with only one approved device, I would guess that they are in short supply. The Mine Safety Appliances Company has been working on a device and hopes to have approval on one in three or four months.

To determine which type of respirator must be used in situations where the dust cannot be controlled otherwise, a very extensive process of air sampling and analysis is required because these numbers are not easy to come by.

I'll read just this one paragraph in which the powered filter respirator is required. "When the eight-hour time-weighted average concentrations of asbestos dust is projected to exceed 25 fibers (longer than 5 microns) but not to exceed 250 such fibers and when a concentration over a period of 15 minutes exceeds 50 fibers but does not exceed 500 fibers, a powered filter positive pressure respirator is required." I can see a technician for every asbestos worker trying to determine whether he is going to give him the right respirator. I also inquired yesterday about the expected date of publication of the standard. I didn't want to stand up here this morning talking about a proposed rule and find that this morning the Federal Register carried the established rule. The answer I got from OSHA was that it will be coming out in just a few days. They had six months from December 7, 1971 to establish a permanent rule.