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To: Task Group on Naturally Occuring Inorganic Fibers
ASTM Committee E-34

Gentlemen:

Enclosed is the agenda for the next meeting of the Task Group on 18 and 19 April 1974, at ASTM Headquarters in Philadelphia, Pa.

The following members are expected to report upon the progress achieved in preparing the portion of the criteria document that was assigned to them:

Messrs:	A. Harvey & T.D. Oulton	- Definitions
	E. Fenner	- Work Practices
	T. D. Oulton & G. Gagnon	- Environmental Measurements
	Dr. P. V. Pelnar & Dr. M Grimard	- Medical
	M. Cossette	- Introduction
	Dr. P. V. Pelnar & Dr. M Grimard	- Biologic Effect of Exposure
	E. Fenner	- Environmental Data and Control

Meeting will begin at 10:00 a.m. and the meeting location will be posted in the lobby of the ASTM Headquarters.

Yours very truly

Marcel Cossette

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M. Cossette, Recording Secretary
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Inorganic Fibers
ASTM Committee E-34

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AGENDA

Third Meeting

Task Group on Naturally Occuring Inorganic Fibers

ASTM Committee E-34

Time: 18 and 19 April 1974, at 10:00 a.m.

Place: ASTM Headquarters, 1916 Race Street, Philadelphia, Pa. U.S.A.

BUSINESS:

1. Definitions
2. Discussion of Assignments
   - Work Practices
   - Environmental Measurements
   - Medical
   - Introduction
   - Biologic Effect of Exposure
   - Environmental Data and Control
3. Limitation of the number of Task Group members.
4. Other business
5. Date and place of the next meeting.

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Dr. S. Holmes
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Dear Dr. Holmes:

At the last meeting of the Task Group on Naturally Occuring Inorganic Fibers of the ASTM Committee E-34 on Occupational Health and Safety Aspects of Materials, Physical and Biological Agents, I was directed to invite you to join our Task Group. We are presently engaged in the production of a complete criteria document covering occupational health and environmental control for the asbestos industry, and for other naturally occuring inorganic fibers. This will be a concensus document and it will be submitted to the OSHA for consideration when adopted by ASTM.

Enclosed are statements covering the scope of our Task Group, and that of ASTM Committee E-34 for your guidance.

It is expected that the Task Group will meet twice a year at a USA location central to the membership (North-East USA). If you choose not to become a member (Membership in ASTM Costs $25/year), you may accept service as a consultant to the Committee. Consultants have no obligations to pay fees or to attend meetings, but have no right to vote in Committee ballots.

Should you be willing to consider service with our Task Group, we should be most happy to welcome you aboard so that the standards we produce can be true concensus documents.

Yours very truly

Marcel Cossette

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Task Group on Naturally Occuring
Inorganic Fibers
ASTM Committee E-34

c.c. Mr. A. A. Miner, Chairman

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To: Subcommittee Representatives of the Task Group on Naturally Occuring Asbestos Fibers of ASTM Committee E-34

Gentlemen:

At the last meeting of the Task Group on Naturally Occuring Inorganic Fibers, the following members were delegated to attend the meetings of the Subcommittees listed hereunder:

SUBCOMMITTEE	DELEGATE	AFFILIATION
Definitions	A.M. Harvey	R.T. Vanderbilt Company, Inc.
Medical	M. Cossette	QAMA Laboratory
Control	E.M. Fenner	Johns-Manville Corporation
Test Methods	A.A. Winer	Department of Energy, Mines and Resources of Canada
	G. Gagnon	Lake Asbestos of Quebec Limited
Toxicology	G. J. Foy	Department of Natural Resources of Quebec
Safety	T.D. Oulton	Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals Corporation
	H. H. Kaufman	GAF Corporation ← Inactive
Data Collection	-	
Liaison	T. D. Oulton	Engelhard Minerals & Chemicals Corporation
Editorial	-	No representation

Would you please send me a brief report covering the meeting of the subcommittee to which you were delegated, covering only business of interest to our Task Group, so that this may be appended to the minutes of our meeting.

If no business concerning our Task Group was discussed, please let me know that this was the case.

Yours very truly

Marcel Cossette

M. Cossette
Recording Secretary
Task Group on Naturally Occuring Fibers
ASTM Committee E-34

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Officers of Toxic Materials Committee Meet to Discuss Structure of Activity

The officers of ASTM's recently-formed Committee E-34 on Toxic Materials and Harmful Physical or Biological Agents met at ASTM Headquarters in November to consider subcommittee structure and to nominate subcommittee officers.

The group of officers also explored the possibility of enlisting a representative of organized labor to serve as second vice-chairman of the committee.

During the organizational meeting of Committee E-34 in early October, 166 persons voted overwhelmingly to establish the committee, and voted unanimously to elect Paul D. Halley, director, Environmental Health Services, Standard Oil Co. (Ind.), and president of the American Industrial Hygiene Association, as Chairman of the committee. Additionally, the attending members voted unanimously to elect Dennis P. Bridge, manager, Environmental Control, of PPG Industries, first vice-chairman; Richard M. Graziano, director and chief inspector, Bureau of Explosives, of the American Association of Railroads, recording secretary; and Howard Fawcett, of the National Academy of Science, membership secretary.

The scope of the committee, as approved at the October meeting is: "This committee shall be responsible for the development of occupational safety and health standards (including test methods, classifications, recommended practices, and definitions) which will be responsive to Sections 6(b)(5), 6(a)(7), and 8(c)(3) of Public Law 91-596, the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 for individual or families of toxic materials or harmful physical or biological agents. Consideration shall be given to: (1) identification; (2) exposure, including safe levels, methods of measurement, monitoring of personnel and environment, and medical examinations; (3) treatment, including symptomatology and first aid; (4) control, including engineering, personal protective equipment, precautionary methods, warnings and labels, storage, transportation, handling and disposal; and (5) administration, including record keeping and registry.

"The activities of this committee shall be coordinated with other relevant committees of ASTM and other organizations.

"Areas of standards development applicable to this scope, but under the purview of other ASTM committees or other organizations are excluded from the development by this committee unless these other technical bodies do not choose to act directly on the development of specific standards needs."

During the meeting, it was brought to the attention of those attending that ASTM standards had been accorded status as "national consensus standards" by the U.S. Dept. of Labor (the entire letter is reproduced on p. 49 of the December issue of *MR&S*).

Members of the new committee also agreed that in order for the new activity to progress successfully, organized labor should participate. At this writing, officers of the committee are discussing soliciting support from representatives of various labor organizations.

ASTM STANDARDS have been determined by the U.S. Department of Labor as being "National Consensus Standards" for the purposes of the William A. Steiger (R-Misc.) Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970. Though the Department of Labor has already adopted a substantial corpus of existing standards under Section 6(a) of the Act, which is the adoption of "start-up" standards, ASTM standards might still possibly be so considered. However, of greatest importance, Section 6(b) of the Act states that when a rule adopted by the Secretary of Labor "differs substantially from an existing National Consensus Standard, the Secretary must publish a statement of reasons why the rule as adopted would better effectuate the purposes of the Act than the National Consensus Standard." It is therefore in the continued development of new standards under this Act that ASTM National Consensus Standards will be of importance in the OSHA promulgation procedures. This information was received in a congratulatory letter to ASTM from the Honorable George C. Guenther, Asst. Secretary of Labor dated 3 October.