

REPORT ON FMSI ASBESTOS STUDY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

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The Asbestos Study Committee was formed July 1971 with the assigned purpose to review and comment on rules and regulations promulgated by state and federal governments concerning asbestos and its applications.

The first Committee meeting was held September 15, 1971 and was chaired by Dr. E. P. Steff of Raybestos-Manhattan, with members from Worldbestos, Abex, Bendix, and Carlisle Corporation and J-M present. The following items were reviewed and/or discussed:

(1) Relationship with Asbestos Information Association/North America. (2) Proposed Illinois Regulations. (3) Vehicle friction material emission test program to be conducted by Bendix under EPA contract. (4) Monitoring for airborne asbestos fibre. (5) Distribution and circulation of literature on Asbestos/Health subjects.

The purpose of the Asbestos Study Committee was restated as follows: "to gather and disseminate to its members information about pending regulations concerning asbestos in the work place (occupational exposure) and in the general environment (particulate emission) and to draft comments relative to proposed regulations in defense of reasonableness."

The following is a list of the actions taken by the FMSI Executive Secretary on behalf of the Asbestos Study Committee during the remainder of 1971:

September 30 - Issued minutes of first Committee meeting with letter commenting on proposed Federal EPA and Illinois emission standards.

October 26 - Issued bulletin and further information on Illinois hearings.

November 10 - Issued information on membrane filter monitoring method.

November 14 - Issued bulletin on revisions to Illinois and Federal EPA proposals.

December 8 - Issued information concerning final draft of proposed Illinois regulation, proposed EPA emission standards, and Federal Department of Labor Regulations on Occupational Exposure.

On January 26, 1972 arrangements were announced for Bill Reitze of J-M to conduct an instruction session on asbestos fibre monitoring at FMSI headquarters February 10. On February 10 this session was presented to nine attendees representing six member companies.

The second Asbestos Study Committee meeting also was held on February 10 with I. H. Weaver, Raybestos-Manhattan, acting as chairman and members representing Worldbestos, J-M, Bendix and Carlisle attending. The following items were covered:

1. Review of AIA/NA comments regarding OSHA meeting in Washington on January 26.
 2. Review of proposed OSHA asbestos standard and comparison with British standards and regulations.
 3. Review of British Friction Material Council comments on Illinois standards. It was resolved to forward to BFMC copies of minutes of future FMSI Asbestos Study Committee meetings.
 4. Recommendation made that the FMSI Asbestos Study Committee maintain close liaison with AIA/NA.
 5. Reviewed background and expected thrust of OSHA and EPA regulations.
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