The medical evidence as to the size of fiber responsible for adverse health effects is not positive nor is the question of whether fibrils of fibers are most hazardous. Until the medical questions are fully resolved, it would seem premature to impose inflexible or overly rigid regulations.

This has been the view held by the Federal occupational health authorities in assessing their standards. It would seem that thei approach in limiting exposure to that which is possible using good modern technology is sensible. The same may be said for their monitoring techniques.

10.2 Water Pollution

Recycling of waste water is possible and is practiced in certain segments of the industry. The question of the damage done to streams, rivers, and lakes by indiscriminant dumping of asbestos containing waste waters needs careful study. One must remember it is a natural material which will appear in water in any case. On the other hand, there is evidence that asbestos particles ingested into the stomach may cause stomach cancer.

Again, until medical evidence is clear, it would seem sensible to recycle water whenever this can be accomplished.

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