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SUBJECT: Harvard-NIOSH Vermont Environmental Study Review
Meeting-April 22, 1977

Vern Zeitz and the writer met with Prof. W. Burgess and Ms. M. Boundy at the Harvard School of Public Health on April 22nd to provide our comments on the preliminary draft (3/15/77) of their proposed paper.

All comments and suggestions furnished by Windsor and J & J were discussed in detail with Burgess and Boundy. They were very receptive to our suggestions and agreed to incorporate them into the final draft.

Major amendments for highlighting are:

1. tremolite is generally non-asbestiform and should not be referred to in a biased manner as "an amphibole form of asbestos".
2. various corrections in trade terminology.
3. the official quartz TLV of $100 \mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$ will be mentioned, instead of only the NIOSH recommended value.

The recorded high values of respirable quartz will be qualified as being non-typical.

4. the term 'elongated fibers' is to be used vs. true fibers.

Bill Burgess agreed to send us their written conclusions, which will be principally the following:

1. the bulk and environmental samples verify that the Vermont talc contain no asbestos and only negligible quartz.
2. the phase contrast fiber counting technique is alright for the asbestos industry, but cannot be applied to talc.

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3. the respirable mass concentration is a better measurement technique for dust.
4. this study cannot provide historical data of the past in terms of type and levels of exposure.

This paper will be presented by Ms. Boundy at the American Industrial Hygiene Association conference in New Orleans on May 26, 1977. The writer will arrange for coverage of the presentation.

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