

Chicago #187, W. R. Hogan. July 2, 1970

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Health and Safety Council Asbestos Cement Products Association

Geneva Hugg is under the impression you approved the invoice that accompanied the attached memo but not necessarily the request for increase in the budget in line with the dues increase from $350 to $640.

Relative to your comments on the degree of our activity, as you are aware, Lou Tobey in New York has been given permission by Russ Spahr to involve himself in this area in the hope he can eventually substitute for me.

I feel it is vital at this time that we continue our membership. The boundary lines of the asbestos hazard still have not been identified. Meanwhile, the threshold limit has once more been reduced and is now 17% of what it was two years ago. Also, you have probably seen recent news articles in which the National Commission on Product Safety has recommended stiffer legislation and regulation concerning products, especially those containing hazardous ingredients. This can't help but affect asbestos products.

As a matter of interest, the City of New York has issued regulations on the use of spray fireproofing containing asbestos that are so restrictive that the regulations may cause this type of product to be non-competitive with other types of fireproofing.

As an indication of our use of asbestos, in 1969, 19 of our plants used 6,260 tons of asbestos. The biggest user was East Chicago, followed by New Brighton, Gypsum, Dallas and Chamblee. The new Midway Plant will be a heavy user of asbestos.

As you can see, our involvement with the asbestos problem is very real and it is important we be kept advised of developments. It has previously been decided by management that our vehicle for being kept advised would be membership on the Health and Safety Council of the Asbestos Cement Products Association. Our primary activity has been in attending meetings in which the current status of the asbestos problem has been discussed. Other companies, primarily Johns-Manville, are doing most of the work in developing the information that is discussed at the meetings.

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