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1. PVC Pipe

Prepared and circulated two drafts of J-M's comments in response to the Food and Drug Administration's September 3, 1975 Notice of Proposed Rulemaking relating to vinyl chloride polymers in contact with food. The deadline for the submission of comments to FDA has been extended until December 19.

2. OSHA'S Proposed Amendment of the Asbestos Standard

A. Conversations and Meetings with OSHA Personnel

Conducted telephone conversations with and/or met with Dan Boyd, Kugi Kwon and Grover Wrenn to discuss various aspects of OSHA's proposed amendment of the asbestos standard. All developments have been or will shortly be reported to the Asbestos Task Force. Notice of a 60-day extension of the comment period will be published by OSHA during the second week of December. Discussions were held with OSHA concerning additional extensions.

B. Asbestos Task Force

Prepared the agenda and minutes for two Asbestos Task Force meetings along with a status report on the activities of the task force. All committees of the task force appear to be functioning well and we expect to receive written reports from all committees at the next meeting on December 16.

C. Technological Feasibility

Drafted a letter to Dr. Morton Corn, Assistant Secretary of Labor for OSHA, setting forth J-M's recommendations relating to OSHA undertaking a study to determine the technological feasibility of various requirements set forth in OSHA's proposed amendment of the asbestos standard.

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D. Meeting with Dr. Hilton Lewinsohn

Met with Dr. Hilton Lewinsohn, Medical Officer for Turner Brothers, from November 19-21, along with Paul Kotin, George Wright, Jerry Chase and Hans Weill, to review data relating to exposure and disease incidence among TBA employees.

E. AIA

Provided Bob Mereness with a list of suggested areas for AIA member involvement in the OSHA asbestos rulemaking process.

F. International Inquiries

Prepared and forwarded letters to Wolf Lehman of Eternit in Berlin and to Dr. S. F. McCullagh, Chief Medical Officer of James Hardie & Coy, LTD. in Australia outlining J-M's activities in response to the OSHA asbestos proposal.

3. SEC Proposal - Environmental and Social Disclosure

Reviewed SEC's recent proposal requiring additional environmental and social disclosure by industry and provided our Legal Department with my comments.

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