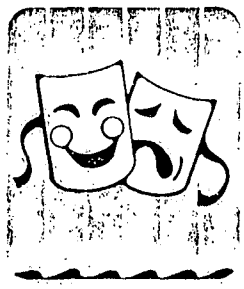
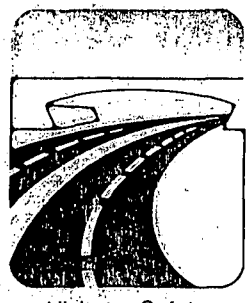


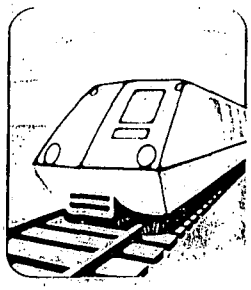
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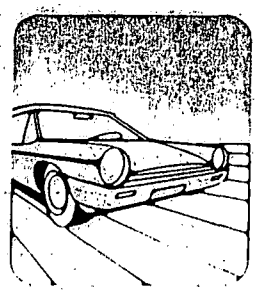
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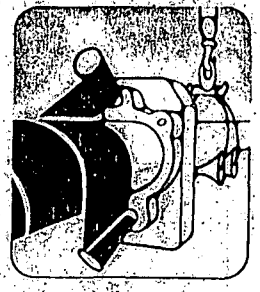
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IMPORTANT

NEW PROPOSED OSHA STANDARD

On October 9, 1975 OSHA published a new proposed standard for occupational exposure to asbestos. The text of this surprise revision is contained in The Federal Register, Vol. 40, No. 197 -- Thursday, October 9, 1975. Basically the proposed standard would institute the following changes in the current regulations:

1) Lower the permissible exposure level to 0.5 fibers/cc from the current level of 5 fibers/cc and the July 1, 1976 level of 2 fibers/cc.

2) Lower the permissible ceiling concentration to 5 fibers/cc from the current 10 fibers/cc.

3) Extend the record retention period for medical and monitoring records to 40 years or the duration of employment plus 20 years whichever is longer. The current standard requires retention of medical records for 20 years and the monitoring records for 3 years.

4) Require specific minimum data on medical and monitoring records.

5) Revise the procedures for initial and subsequent monitoring.

6) Revise and update the requirements for respirators, warning signs and labels.

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