

LEAD INDUSTRIES ASSOCIATION

Graybar Building, 420 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y.

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To Members of the Lead Industries Association:

Subject: Air Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc.

The Lead Industries Association, by order of its Board of Directors, has become a member of the Air Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc., with headquarters in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

The Foundation was organized "to conduct investigations of and to stimulate research on problems in the field of air hygiene and to gather and disseminate factual information relating thereto". The work of the Air Hygiene Foundation relates directly to the silicosis and allied dust problems and is of importance to industries having any dust hazard. The Foundation is being supported by the steel, aluminum, zinc, asbestos, automobile, glass, coal and chemical industries, as well as other manufacturers or associations. The attached report gives details as to some of the personnel of the Air Hygiene Foundation.

On April 1, 1936, the Foundation published a pamphlet entitled "A Survey of the Statutes and Court Decisions Respecting Occupational Disease From Air Pollution". This comprises Bulletin No. 1, Parts 1 and 2 of a Legal Series on the subject. We will be glad to procure copies of this publication for your use upon request, at a charge of 15 cents per copy.

Very truly yours,



Secretary.



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AIR HYGIENE FOUNDATION OF AMERICA, INC.

Air Hygiene Foundation of America, Inc., has been formed by a large group representing various industries, with headquarters at Thackeray Ave. and DuHara St., Pittsburgh, Pa. The purposes of this organization are to conduct investigations of and to stimulate research on problems in the field of air hygiene and to gather and disseminate factual information relating thereto. It will also cooperate with and assist other agencies active in this field and will collaborate in the coordination of such research efforts. A comprehensive investigation has been begun at Mellon Institute of Industrial Research, Pittsburgh, under support of Air Hygiene Foundation of America, in which the hygienic, technologic, and economic aspects of air contamination, especially by dust in the industries, will be studied.

H. B. Meller, who has been appointed managing director of Air Hygiene Foundation of America, will head this investigation at Mellon Institute. Mr. Meller has been active in research on air pollution since 1920 and is generally regarded as an authority on that subject. He received his professional education at the University of Pennsylvania and the University of Pittsburgh; he then joined the faculty of the University of Pittsburgh as instructor in mining, 1909-1911, and was made assistant professor of mining engineering, 1911-1912, and professor of mining engineering, 1912-1923. He was vice-dean of the School of Mines at the University of Pittsburgh, 1912-1914, and dean of that school, 1914-1923. During the past fifteen years he has been in charge of the program for the abatement of smoke and dust in the City of Pittsburgh; and since 1923 he has headed the Air Pollution Investigation at Mellon Institute. He has made numerous contributions to the literature of the municipal smoke problem and its control.

In this investigational work of the Air Hygiene Foundation of America, Mr. Meller will be aided by Dr. F. F. Rupert. The latter has been an Industrial Fellow of Mellon Institute since 1913, specializing in the field of physical chemistry. During the past three years he has made studies of air pollutants and especially of dusts, working with Mr. Meller; he has also carried out a number of plant investigations, in the course of which he has evaluated procedures for determining and controlling industrial dusts. Other assistants will be added to the staff as the work progresses.

The investigational program of the Air Hygiene Foundation of America will also embrace medical considerations and studies. The medical adviser will be Dr. Samuel R. Haythorn, professor of preventive medicine in the School of Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh and director of the Singer Research Laboratories, M.S., Pittsburgh. Dr. Haythorn, who has distinguished himself by his researches in bacteriology and pathology, particularly on the effects of smoke and on the causes and nature of pulmonary diseases, is a member of the Advisory Board of the Pennsylvania State Department of Health, Pittsburgh Academy of Medicine (president, 1927), Society of Experimental Pathology (president, 1932), Society of Experimental Biology, American Medical Association, and American College of Physicians. Prior to assuming his present chair in the School of Medicine of the University of Pittsburgh, he was professor of pathology and director of hygiene in that institution (1921-1926).

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