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**ASBESTOS: OSHA EMERGENCY TEMPORARY STANDARD FOR OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE**

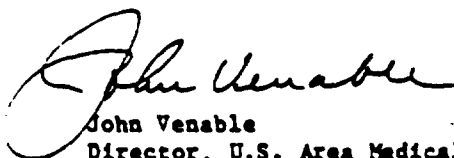
Attached is a copy of the November 4, 1983 Federal Register containing the emergency temporary standard (ETS) for asbestos issued by OSHA.

The ETS:

- 1) changes the permissible exposure level (PEL) from an 8-hour TWA of 2 fibers/cc to 0.5 fibers/cc;
- 2) allows reduction to be achieved by any feasible combination of engineering controls, personal protective equipment, and work practices; and
- 3) requires a training program be instituted within 30 days for all employees exposed to greater than the PEL.

An ETS is limited to 6 months by the OSH act; therefore OSHA has expressed an intention to complete rulemaking on a permanent standard for occupational exposure to asbestos within 6 months from the ETS effective date of November 4, 1983.

There will be an opportunity for comment on the new permanent standard.

  
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