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At the recent ASTM meeting on April 14th, the Navy announced their initiation of a program to investigate the use of asbestos in insulation products. This program was initiated by NAV SEC Washington to NAV SEC Philadelphia in a letter from Captain Riblett identified as follows:

61010
(EC)
9390
2SER.278 dated 4/7/69

A Kincaid is taking appropriate steps to obtain a copy of this letter.

This five part program is expected to be completed within a period of six months. Items 1, 2 and 3 listed below are to be completed by August 30, 1969.

Phase 1 - NAV SEC Philadelphia is responsible for the investigation of private and Navy ship yards as to the extent of asbestos products being used. They will ask all ship yards for their recommendations as to the substitution of other products that do not contain asbestos. Cost and feasibility studies will be conducted on these recommendations.

Phase 2 - NAV SEC Philadelphia will contact insulation manufacturers for their ideas on substitution products that do not contain asbestos materials.

Phase 3 - NAV SEC Philadelphia will evaluate the results of items 1 and 2 above and put together a complete product recommendation for Navy use in ship yards.

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se 4 - The Bureau of Medicines and Surgery will contact ship yards
. manufacturers to determine the extent of the health hazard that
.sts from the use of asbestos products. They will check into the
;t history regarding the number of reported cases of asbestosis
it exist and will be searching for any private surveys that any of
: manufacturers have conducted. Their prime interest will concern
: steps taken by the manufacturer to protect the applicator from
)estosis.

ase 5 - Based upon the results of the above, NAV SEC Washington
ll then modify MIL Standard 769 and specification 9390.

view of the interest in this program by the Navy, it is essential
at we make every effort to bring our project of replacing asbestos
ber in Kaylo to a quick and successful conclusion. At the same
me, a maximum effort should be placed on the Fiberglas Multi-Temp
pe and board project as a back up to the Kaylo program. As in-
cated in previous correspondence, the boiler industry is tending
ay from the use of calcium silicate and going to mineral fiber
pe insulation. My information indicates that JM is working very
ligently on the same two projects.

Regards,

A.S. Kevlin

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No action all emphasis on glass-Kaylo program

Yes- action program to find suitable replacement for asbestos in Marinite, Thermobestos, Transite, cement pipe, block sheet asbestos paper, Blanket, Duct Board, Dim.