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MINUTES of the Dust Control Committee meeting held Wednesday, March 13, 1946 at the Engineers Club, Philadelphia, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

C. H. Carlough CAROLINA ASBESTOS CO.	G. S. Fabel SOUTHERN ASBESTOS CO.
T. S. Sadler CAROLINA ASBESTOS CO.	A. J. Scanlon PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.
Phil Cannon JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.	John Weber PHILADELPHIA ASBESTOS CO.
Fred Armstrong JOHNS-MANVILLE CORP.	Harris D. McKinney INSTITUTE MANAGER
Ernest Muehleck KEASBEY & MATTISON	

NO. 1

The meeting was called to order by Temporary Chairman, Ernest Muehleck. It was moved by Mr. Fable and seconded by Mr. Cannon that Mr. Muehleck be elected Chairman of the Dust Control Committee. Motion unanimously passed.

NO. 2

Using the agenda prepared by Mr. Muehleck as a guide, the matter of various methods used in determining the amount of dust present in the atmosphere was brought up for discussion. Mr. Muehleck described the Bausch & Lomb dust counter, its costs, etc. and open discussion was held on methods used by other member companies. Mr. Muehleck suggested that each member company send a report to the Committee Chairman covering their dust count procedures, as well as their State and Insurance Company regulations and standards. This suggestion was acceptable to all present.

NO. 3

Discussion was held on means of protection for employees engaged in the emptying of asbestos fibre bags as received from the mines. Various types of respirators were

discussed, and it was suggested that all member companies send to the Committee Chairman a report on their experience with different types of respirators.

The use of X-Rays as a means of analyzing lung conditions of employees was also discussed in detail. It was agreed by all that a pre-employment examination is important and further protection to the employee could be given by means of X-Rays throughout the year. Mr. Muehleck offered to furnish to the Manager the name of the Keasbey & Mattison doctor who is a specialist in X-Ray reading. He also agreed to send to the Manager several form letters which the K & M doctor uses in notifying employees whose working conditions should be changed.

NO. 4

Dust control in the fibre preparation room was covered in a report by Mr. Muehleck. His recommendation of the use of Sun Oil Company's No. 538 asbestos fibre conditioning oil was discussed in detail.

NO. 5

The problem of reduction of dust at the carding engines was then discussed. Mr. McKinney presented a report from the Garlock Packing Company relative to their dust control system. Since this report seemed to be of considerable interest to all present, it was suggested that the Manager secure the permission of the Garlock Packing Company to have this report copied and circulated to the member companies of the Institute.

NO. 6

Before analyzing the remaining problems of this Dust Control Committee, Mr. Armstrong suggested that an outline be made of the objectives at hand. Reviewing the points discussed, it was agreed that the following points were worthy of initial consideration by this Committee:

NO. 7

A letter from Mr. Marshall of Raybestos-Manhattan was presented, wherein he suggested changing the name of the Dust Control Committee to "Air Hygiene Committee". This point was discussed, and it was agreed that the matter would be brought up at the next meeting of the Board of Governors for their consideration.

NO. 8

Mr. Stanton presented an outline of the Johns-Manville Industrial Hygiene Program and points therein were discussed in some detail. It was felt that this comprehensive plan might be of interest to others and Mr. Stanton authorized its reproduction for circulation to all member companies.

NO. 9

There being no further business before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned.

HARRIS D. McKINNEY
Manager