

MINUTES

of the

HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE MEETING

NATIONAL INSULATION MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION

New York, N.Y.

April 21, 1967

The Meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. with the following in attendance:

Dr. L. B. Grant
H. Auricchio
R. Cotts
C. Sheckler
J. F. Vyverberg
J. M. Barnhart

PPG Industries
Baldwin-Ehret-Hill
Gustin-Bacon
Johns-Manville
Owens-Corning
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ELECTION OF COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

A motion was made, seconded, and passed

That Dr. L. B. Grant be Committee Chairman.

PROPOSED STUDY BY USFHS

The Committee discussed in detail the possibility of USFHS study the mineral fiber industry with respect to alleged health hazards.

During the discussion the following points were brought out:

1. Certain investigations have alleged that mineral fiber presents a problem.
2. Experience in the industry has not borne out these allegations.
3. An unbiased study should be made providing sufficient data in depth to verify or discount the allegations.
4. If a problem exists, it can be defined and controlled.
5. Information developed in an independent study conducted by a University for industry would have much less chance of being generally accepted as unbiased than information developed in a study by the USFHS.
6. In order for the USFHS to initiate such a study, there may have to be a potential health problem in the industry.
7. Once the industry commits itself to the study, there can be no backing out.

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8. If the industry does not institute the study, ther undoubtedly will. Supplementary grants will probably be asked for (Salikoff, Cooper, etc.) when request to USFHS is made.
9. USFHS study will be all encompassing; i.e., will embrace production, as well as contractor, and insulation worker.

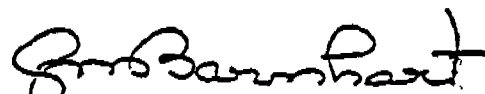
Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed, that

The Committee recommends to the Board of Directors that they request the USFHS to study a mineral fiber industry with respect to alleged health hazards. The scope of the study requested should include environmental, clinical and epidemiological investigations. The studies should be requested on the condition that there is unanimous agreement within a mineral fiber industry to undertake the study and to cooperate with the Public Health Service in making this study. The method of request to the USFHS shall be decided by the NEMA Board of Directors. (Note: Previous discussions of the Committee with the USFHS Director who would be responsible for the study, if initiated, indicated the request for study should be directed to the Surgeon General of the USFHS and should indicate the industries desire for a study by and similar to other industry studies done by the Division of Occupational Health, USFHS.)

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


G. M. Barnhart

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