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PROPOSED ILLINOIS BAN ON ASBESTOS IN BRAKE LINING

There has been considerable activity by members of the Asbestos Study Committee as regards the proposed Illinois regulations on "Asbestos and Spray Insulation". To quote from Part VII, Section 702 of the regulations proposed by the Illinois Pollution Control Board:

"The use of asbestos in the brake lining of vehicles manufactured after January 1, 1975, and sold for use in Illinois is prohibited."

In the Board's explanation it notes that the prohibition is worded to avoid the necessity of fitting vehicles manufactured prior to 1975 with "non-asbestos" brakes. However, there is no question but that the ban includes original equipment linings, and there can be little doubt but that replacement linings on these vehicles must also be of a "non-asbestos" type. Further, interpretation of the proposed regulations indicates that all vehicles are included: Passenger Cars, Trucks, Off Highway Equipment, Farm Tractors and the like. Also, the Board apparently considers "clutch facings to be the same as brake linings". While the immediate effect would be on those supplying original equipment linings, the secondary effect would be felt by all friction material manufacturers.

In the Board's explanation they state: "These prohibitions have been made with full consideration given to the available alternative materials."

From the Illinois hearings this past month, the Institute has received several articles of interest:

- (1) Johns-Manville memorandum, October 20, 1971, by Mr. Swatonic summarizing the Chicago hearings on October 15, 1971.
- (2) Written presentation by Dr. F. Pundsack of Johns-Manville as given at the Chicago hearings.
- (3) Dr. W. J. Nicholson, Mt. Sinai Hospital, a presentation in support of the Board's regulations, at the Chicago hearings.
- (4) Chicago Sun-Times October 18, 1971 report on the Chicago hearings.
- (5) Waukegan newspaper report of October 20, 1971 concerning the hearings in Waukegan.
- (6) Johns-Manville memorandum, October 20, 1971, by W. Raines summarizing the Waukegan hearings on October 19, 1971.

Attached to the delegates copies only of this Bulletin are excerpts:

- (1) Entire J-M summary of the Chicago Hearings.



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