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Dear Roy:

Here are some of my thoughts on the asbestos index:

General

- 1) I believe the number generated should have some relevance to the severity of the problem and be stated as such. I propose that Hazard = (Exposure) x (Toxicity). Then all items dealing with extent of exposure would be grouped together and likewise for toxicity. Thus, I would consider friability as part of the toxicity.
- 2) Since The ACGIH has proposed different criteria for the various forms of asbestos (the British already have differing standards), I suggest this be included in calculating toxicity.
- 3) A brief description such as you have is fine for assessing, but I think all assessors should read a more complete description of all factors like those given in the EPA document.
- 4) Before releasing this index, I think someone should sample a few buildings or areas (~25) to see what index would be assigned before making recommendations for/against control measures. It would also be useful to have several assessors evaluate the same areas without any interaction to see the range of index values for the same areas.

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