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Dear Frank:

Re: ASTM Committee C-16 on Thermal and Cryogenic Insulation

Attached is a copy of the notes on my July 13 meeting with the Executive Committee of C-16 and a follow-up letter from the Chairman.

As outlined in the attached, we feel that there is a need by insulation users for consensus standards (1) which identify hazard potential as related to material composition, (2) which provide recognized, accepted work practice for handling, installation, and maintenance of insulation, and (3) for practical, on-site monitoring of dust exposure levels. The present focus is on the asbestos hazard; however, there is some question as to the hazard potential of substitute materials. We feel that there is need for one of the consensus standards organizations to have a continuing surveillance of these materials. The C-16 Committee appears to be a suitable forum for user, producer, regulator, and general interest organizations to work together and since the C-16 officers have indicated interest, we propose that the MCA-EAC consider support of the activity on behalf of chemical industry insulation users.

Since the OSHA asbestos regulations are the first of the emergency standards and since engineering materials are involved, we feel that it is important that user's needs be recognized and that users support and encourage development of consensus standards and procedures needed to meet regulatory criteria.

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We, in Shell Chemical, will follow the C-16 activity with interest but not necessarily visualize that we would be primary industry representative. Since duPont, Dow, Phillips, and Union Carbide are already represented on C-16, MCA contact might best be established through existing members.

Very truly yours,

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Member MCA-EAC

Attachment

cc: M. M. Hoover
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