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M E M O R A N D U M

TO THE PRINCIPALS AND REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE

HEALTH AND SAFETY COUNCIL/ACPA

Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed the minutes of the
Health and Safety Council meeting held in New York on
November 19, 1970, together with copies of various
documents which were discussed at that meeting.

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Walls

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**MINUTES OF THE EIGHTH MEETING OF
HEALTH AND SAFETY COUNCIL/
ASBESTOS CEMENT PRODUCTS ASSOCIATION**

November 19, 1970

A meeting of the members of the Health and Safety Council of the Asbestos Cement Products Association was held pursuant to notice at the Biltmore Hotel in New York, New York, on November 19, 1970 at 2 P.M. The following persons were present:

J. A. Main	Health and Safety Council/ACPA
S. E. Monoky	Certain-teed Products Corp.
H. R. Mesler, Jr.	GAF Corporation
J. V. Magee	Johns-Manville Sales Corp.
C. L. Shackler	Johns-Manville Sales Corp.
A. H. Fay	National Gypsum Company
K. F. Netter	Supradur Corporation of New York
K. Schwarz	Supradur Corporation of New York
L. A. Tobey	United States Gypsum Company
B. Walls	Burns, Van Kirk, Jube & Kafer

The meeting was called to order by the Chairman, Mr. James A. Main.

The minutes of the meeting of the Council held on May 19, 1970 were approved as distributed to the members of the Council.

Mr. Walls presented the financial statement for the period March 1, 1970 through November 18, 1970. A copy of this report is attached to these minutes and made a part hereof. The financial statement was approved as submitted.

Mr. Main reported that 10,000 copies of the Recommended Practices brochure had been printed. One thousand copies were sent to each member company, and 2,000 copies were sent to the Secretary for distribution upon request. Mr. Main observed that

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greater emphasis is continuing to be made in public media on the problems of lung health and exposure to massive doses of asbestos. He noted that the U.S. Senate had passed the Job Safety Bill and that continued proposals are being made to amend various municipal codes in this area. The public remains aroused on all subjects touching upon environment, and Mr. Main exhibited to the Council recent newspaper clippings attesting this public interest. Copies of these newspaper clippings are attached to these minutes.

The Chairman reminded the Council that at the time of its formation, there were two goals to which the Council undertook to direct its activities. The first goal was to advise the public that asbestos cement products, in place and under normal use, present no known health risk to the user or to the general public. This goal has been fulfilled in part by the publication of the Recommended Practices brochure. The second goal of the Council is to promote health and safety in those plants manufacturing asbestos cement products and in the environment around such plants, including stack emissions and pollution. Mr. Main noted that since the creation of this Council, Atlantic Asphalt & Asbestos had withdrawn from the manufacture of asbestos cement products and that Philip Carey and Cement Asbestos Products Company had resigned from the Council. Mr. Main distributed copies of the Insulation Hygiene Progress Report (Vol. 2, No. 2, Summer 1970) and "Partnership for Prevention - the Insulation Industry Hygiene Research Program" by Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, reprinted from Vol. 38, No. 3, Industrial Medicine and Surgery. These publications indicate how rapidly public concern is growing in the areas to which this Council is dedicated.

RECOMMENDED PRACTICES BROCHURE

Mr. Main asked the representative of each company attending the meeting to report on the distribution and use by his company of the brochure published by this Council on Recommended Practices for Fabricating, Handling and Applying Asbestos Cement Products in the Building and Construction Industries. The members reported as follows:

GAF: At this time the Building Products Division will not distribute the brochure. The Industrial Products Division

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executives are now considering the brochure and their decision on distribution is awaited.

Certain-teed: The brochure is now awaiting approval of the Executive Vice President of Certain-teed. In Mr. Monoky's preliminary opinion, the brochure would probably not be distributed among employees in the factory, but might be distributed in the field.

Johns-Manville: The brochure has been distributed to all J-M plants manufacturing asbestos cement products, to all key production personnel, to salesmen, and to applicators and distributors engaged in the fabrication of asbestos cement products. In Mr. Magee's opinion, the brochure has been well received. Mr. Magee also noted that J-M has imprinted cautionary labels which are being inserted on each interleaving sheet of asbestos cement sheets manufactured by J-M. A copy of this label is reproduced and attached to these minutes.

Mr. Sheckler remarked that J-M includes copies of the brochure whenever it files material safety data sheets. J-M also encloses copies of the brochure when writing general bulletins to customers. Copies of the brochure are sent to other safety organizations and to governmental departments such as the Department of Labor and Health, Education and Welfare whenever inquiries are received about asbestos. A copy of the brochure has been sent to the magazine "Asbestos" and may conceivably be published by that magazine. No other magazines in the building field have as yet received the brochure. The consensus of the members was that the brochure should not be sent to magazines at this time.

U.S. Gypsum: Mr. Tobey reported that the brochure is being considered by those executives of U.S.G. responsible for safety practices. Mr. Tobey doubted that precautionary labels would be used on shingles. He stated that although asbestos is used in wall board joint compounds, the fiber amount so used is below the acceptable threshold limit.

Supradur: A copy of a letter prepared by Supradur describing the availability of the Recommended Practices brochure and sent to its customers was distributed to the members and is

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attached to these minutes. Mr. Schwarz reported that he has had no requests as yet for copies of the brochure. Mr. Schwarz also stated that no distribution of the brochure has been made to production personnel of Supradur.

[Philip Carey - Cement Asbestos Products Company]: The Secretary, Mr. Walls, was asked to ascertain from these companies what steps if any, they were taking in the distribution of the brochure.

National Gypsum: Mr. Fay reported that each account of NG using asbestos cement in industrial application (cooling towers, greenhouse manufacturers, etc.) has been contacted personally by members of the NG sales force. These customers have received copies of the brochure. No brochures have been sent to the general public nor to dealers or applicators because it is NG's position that the brochure is not applicable to them.

It was noted that various research organizations have inquired about health hazards of asbestos cement products and have been sent copies of the brochure. It was the opinion of the members that the matter of distribution and use of the brochure should be re-examined at the next meeting of the Council.

RESPIRATORS

The members discussed their experience with respirators, currently being marketed. Mr. Sheckler reported favorable experience with the following respirators:

- Mine Safety Appliance Dustfoe No. 77
- Mine Safety Appliance Dustfoe No. 66
- Wilson Monomask
- American Optical R3000 Series
- American Optical R9100T (Beehive Type)

It was noted that the Beehive Type respirator does not have a replaceable filter and is regarded as being an expensive disposable respirator.

Mr. Sheckler stated that new disposable filters for respirators are coming, or will shortly come, on the market. Some of these can be purchased for \$1.50 each. Disposables

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are being produced by American Optical and will soon be produced by the Welsh Company. Mr. Sheckler volunteered to bring samples of the various respirators to the next meeting. He also noted that J-M is conducting a program at McGill University to study the efficacy of respirators to filter asbestos fiber. It was his hope that a further report could be made at the next meeting of the Council.

LABELING ASBESTOS CEMENT PRODUCTS

The members discussed experiences to date on the labeling of asbestos cement products. The following reports were received. GAF does not presently use a cautionary label on rigid siding or corrugated asbestos cement sheets. J-M does label thermal insulation products containing asbestos, thermal insulation cements containing asbestos, and asbestos fibers. It is expected that cautionary labels will be used on asbestos cement flat sheets in the near future. J-M does not label its shingles or siding or corrugated asbestos cement sheet or asbestos cement pipe. It is the policy of J-M to label only those products that may pose health and safety hazards.

ASBESTOS INFORMATION COMMITTEE/NORTH AMERICA

Mr. Fay reviewed with the Council the Asbestos Information Committee/North America. By way of preface, he stated that the Health and Safety Council had been formed with five objectives in mind: the first was medical research. It was decided that such research could best be handled by QAMA. The second objective was public relations. At the time of the formation of the Council it was felt that it was not appropriate for the Council to undertake such a program. The third objective was the exchange of information among asbestos cement manufacturers. The Council has attempted to keep manufacturers up to date with the most recent information in the area of health and safety. The fourth objective was the study and resolution of internal plant problems. The Council has encouraged mutual aid among its members in the identification and resolution of such problems. The fifth objective was the improvement of the relationship between asbestos cement producers and asbestos cement users. Part of this objective has been achieved through the publication of the Recommended Practices brochure.

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Mr. Fay stated that the public relations objective has developed in importance because of increased publicity about asbestos hazards which has been generated by consumer protection advocates, politicians and some scientists. Mr. Fay stressed two points: first, the true facts about asbestos are often ignored. Second, there is a great lack of understanding of these facts among the public. Because of these facts, industry members felt that a public relations program should be explored.

AE/NA To that end, a meeting of ten manufacturing companies was sponsored by Certain-teed Products Corporation to launch Asbestos Information Committee/North America. For several years there has existed an Asbestos Information Committee in the United Kingdom. This Committee has tried to utilize public relations programs in response to misstatements of fact about asbestos and asbestos products. It was felt that a North American committee could be founded on lines similar to the Committee of the United Kingdom. A prospectus has been prepared for the AIC/NA and it was discussed in November at a meeting of ten companies manufacturing asbestos products. Some of those companies attending that meeting were Certain-teed, Flintkote, Johns-Manville, Philip Carey, Raybestos-Manhattan, GAF, Woodward Iron and National Gypsum. A copy of the prospectus discussed at that meeting is attached to these minutes.

The program for the AIC/NA would be a broad one encompassing many products utilizing asbestos such as brake linings, textiles, flooring, siding, roofing, etc. The program of the Committee will be funded by J-M for the year 1971 in the amount of \$150,000. It is anticipated that funding for succeeding years will be shared in a mutually agreed manner by all member companies. The Committee has retained the public relations firm of Hill and Knowlton, which has prepared the public relations program for the AIC/UK.

Mr. Fay reported that the AIC/NA has been effectively launched. In his opinion, the activities of the Committee will probably be expanded and may be supported by other companies in the field. He noted that J-M will continue to maintain its own public relations program in addition to the program sponsored by the AIC/NA.

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The Council considered the relationship between it and the AIC/NA. The initial consensus was that the Health and Safety Council can work in areas where the AIC/NA cannot. The Council can continue to focus its efforts on problems peculiar to asbestos cement products and can continue to act as a conduit for mutual aid and information. It was noted that the Asbestos Textile Institute and the National Insulation Manufacturers Association also support health and safety committees. It was felt that the Health and Safety Council might become part of a larger group dedicated to health and safety. Thus, QAMA might stress programs in medical research; AIC/NA might focus upon public relations and the Health and Safety Council, together with ATI and NIMA, might channel their efforts to industry health and safety problems and their resolution.

It was noted that AIC/NA will have as Chairman, Mr. Harold McNabb of Certain-teed. The 1971 program of the Committee will be evolved by Messrs. Raines and Swetonic, both of J-M. It is understood that in 1971 the Committee will attempt to prepare position papers on "Asbestos and the General Public" and "Asbestos and Human Health".

It was the opinion of the members that the AIC/NA would supplement other existing groups, but would not replace them. As far as the Health and Safety Council is concerned, there remain significant problems in the construction and building industries. These problems must be resolved, and the resolutions are more likely to be worked out within this Council. The public relations support for the resolutions to such problems would more properly lie within the sector of the AIC/NA.

DEVELOPMENTS

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Sheckler reported on developments subsequent to the meeting on May 19th. Mr. Sheckler noted that the Environment Protection Administration had promulgated interim orders governing the spraying on New York City construction sites of any insulation material containing asbestos. There is a proposal to include these interim orders in the revised New York City Building Code. It is understood that the Corporation Counsel of the City of New York is of the opinion that the Environmental Protection Administration

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has no authority to promulgate these orders. It is expected, however, that the City Council will take legislative action toward revising the New York City Building Code.

It was noted that the Code, if amended, would ban the use of asbestos as a spray. Under the proposed Code, it would appear that duct and duct liners must be coated. It is also possible that the Code will be interpreted to mean that coating is required on the plenum side of ceiling tile. The ramifications of the proposed Code are not clear and are being checked out by NIMA. There is considerable uncertainty whether the Code will affect the use of asbestos cement products in the City of New York because upon the demolition of buildings in which such products are used, these products would be exposed to the air. It is argued, therefore, that all asbestos cement products might conceivably be banned under the Code in light of the fact that they may ultimately be broken up and exposed to the air upon demolition of buildings. It is not certain what position the sprayed insulation group will take with reference to this Code proposal, but all developments are being watched by that group as well as by NIMA.

Mr. Sheckler stated that in connection with prospective revision of the New York City Building Code and of other building codes, that he might be called upon to testify at hearings on such revisions. He asked that in the event he is called upon to present such testimony, he be entitled to speak in the name of this Council.

On motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Mr. Sheckler be and hereby is authorized to speak on behalf of the Health and Safety Council/ACPA at any public hearings at which the utilization, fabrication, handling and application of asbestos cement products are being or may be reviewed in connection with the revision of or drafting of building codes.

NEW THRESHOLD LIMIT VALUES

Mr. Sheckler reported that new Threshold Limit Values will be prepared. It is his understanding that the new TLV's will be 5 fibers per cubic milliliter of air 5 microns and

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longer as counted by use of the Millipore Sampling Method at 400X Microscopy with a time weighted average allowing excursions above 5 up to 10 fibers for 15 minute intervals in any one hour not to exceed 5 intervals in one day. This proposed TLV was reported by Dr. Cralley of the Public Health Service to Mr. Sheckler. When copies of the new American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists threshold limits are available, they will be submitted to members of the Council.

Mr. Sheckler reported that a conference is being called to explore hazards in the shipyards and shipbuilding industries. This conference will concern asbestos products. The National Insulation Manufacturers Association has been invited to participate and Mr. Sheckler will also attend.

Mr. Sheckler reported that he has been working on a series of pamphlets designed to educate employees on health risks and safety practices in conjunction with the use of toxic materials. Presentations from these pamphlets will be made by plant managers to union committees and/or any other media advising and counselling employees at the supervisory and manufacturing level. The response to this pamphlet series to date has been enthusiastic.

RESIGNATION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Main announced his resignation as Chairman of this Council effective with this meeting. He explained that his retirement had, in effect, removed him from daily contact with the industry, and he felt that such distance hindered his effectiveness as chairman. In addition, Mr. Main noted that certain personal matters are now requiring additional attention, thus lessening the amount of time that he can devote to this Council. Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, the resignation of Mr. Main was accepted with great regret.

ELECTION OF MR. SHECKLER

The meeting discussed the election of a new chairman to succeed Mr. Main. Mr. Sheckler was asked if he would consider the chairmanship. He advised the meeting that his workload was so extensive that he could not accept such a chairmanship unless it be limited to a period of six months and unless Mr. Main

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continue as Executive Secretary to the Council for that period.

Upon motion duly made, seconded and unanimously carried, it was

RESOLVED, that Mr. Sheckler be and hereby is elected Chairman of this Council to serve as such for the next six months and that Mr. Main be and hereby is elected to serve as Executive Secretary of this Council for the next six months.

Mr. Sheckler assumed the chair and asked the following members for reports to be presented at the next meeting:

Mr. Monoky - a report on occupational and community environmental control.

Mr. Mesler - a report on medical and physical in-plant programs.

Mr. Fay - a report on public relations liaison with AIC/NA.

Messrs. Magee and Schwarz - a report on the effects of adverse information on marketing and sales.

Mr. Sheckler - a report on medical and engineering scientific programs.

It was decided that the next meeting of the Council shall be called for Tuesday, February 23, 1971.

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Bradley Walls

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Financial Statement

March 1, 1970 - November 18, 1970

Balance as of March 1, 1970

\$ 771.17

INCOME

Reimbursement for February 17 meeting \$ 172.26

Reimbursement for May 19 meeting 168.72

Dues 3,840.00 4,180.98

\$4,952.15

EXPENSES

Disbursements for May 19 meeting \$ 339.22

Dues 100.00

Administration 1,666.61

Legal Services plus disbursements 1,126.64 3,232.47

Balance as of November 18, 1970

\$1,719.68

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AVOID BREATHING THE DUST. INHALATION OF ASBESTOS IN EXCESSIVE QUANTITIES OVER LONG PERIODS OF TIME MAY BE HARMFUL.

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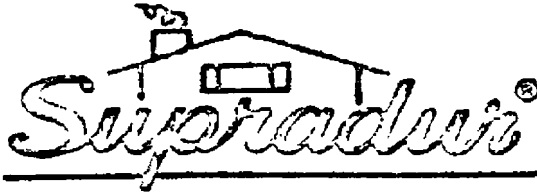


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September 24, 1970

TO OUR CUSTOMERS

Gentlemen:

The Health and Safety Council of the Asbestos-Cement Products Association has prepared a booklet entitled "Recommended Practices for Fabricating, Handling and Applying Asbestos-Cement Products in the Building and Construction Industries." Free copies of this booklet are available upon request. As this booklet concerns itself primarily with items other than ROOFINGS AND SIDINGS, we would like to bring to your attention the following:

Lewis J. Cralley, Ph.D., Director, Division of Epidemiology and Special Services, Bureau of Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Health, Education and Welfare, Cincinnati, Ohio, in his paper "Identification and Control of Asbestos Exposures" presented at the XVI International Congress on Occupational Health, Tokyo, 1969, states:

" Control of Asbestos Exposures "

Special precaution should be taken to prevent exposure to asbestos fibers when they are handled in a loose (unbound) form. Such operations include mining, milling, shipping and warehousing, processing into products, and mixing and blending asbestos fibers with other materials. No special problem is normally encountered when the asbestos is firmly bound with other materials, i.e. vinyl asbestos tile, plastics, cement products, etc., except when these materials are reshaped or are diminished and the fibers may become uncoated, free, and released through friction, destruction and the like."

and Dr. Irving J. Selikoff, Director of the Division of Environmental Medicine at Mount Sinai Hospital in New York City is quoted in the April 2, 1970 Engineering News-Record; copyright, McGraw-Hill, Inc. All rights reserved.

"Dr. Selikoff says that the products in which asbestos has been bonded into the material, such as floor and ceiling tiles, roofing, siding and pipe, are not considered cause of cancer."

Very truly yours,

SUPRADUR CORPORATION OF NEW YORK

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February 1, 1971

Mr. H. Frohman, General Product Manager
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GAF Corporation
140 West 51st Street
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Dear Herb:

I have reviewed your file on the matter of caution notices for mineral fiber products and return the same herewith. Although copies of the minutes of the Health & Safety Council/ACPA meeting held on November 19, 1970 were sent to Joe Hall and Harry Mesler, it would appear that these minutes have not been broadly circulated otherwise. A copy is enclosed for your information and use. In addition, I enclose a copy of the Council's brochure "Recommended Practices for Fabricating, Handling and Applying Asbestos Cement Products in the Building and Construction Industries". (GAF paid for 1,000 of these pamphlets.) This brochure represents the combined judgment of the best people in the asbestos cement industry. All U.S. manufacturers of A-C products participated on this project which took over a year of study.

You will note that the Health & Safety Council brochure starts off on a positive note: "Asbestos-cement products, in place and under normal use, present no known health risk to the user or general public." Problems do arise, however, when these products are cut, sawed and drilled creating dusts in excess of allowable threshold limits.

I call your particular attention to the discussion on page 5 of the minutes on "Labeling Asbestos Cement Products", etc.

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Mr. H. Frohman
GAF Corporation

Supradur letter of September 24, 1970 appended to the minutes and the J-M caution label which I understand is inter-leaved with flat sheets.

The consensus of the Health & Safety Council appears to be that shingles, siding, corrugated sheets and piping do not require labels. Loose or bagged asbestos fibers do require labels. Flat sheets are labeled by some because there is greater chance that such sheets may be extensively fabricated, often in considerable volume and in a relatively enclosed area.

The Asbestos Cement Products Association has not published any "ruling" on placing caution notices on all products containing asbestos, but the enclosures reflect, quite accurately I think, what the consensus is in the asbestos cement manufacturing industry. Perhaps the hard work of the Health & Safety Council should be publicized a little more among the member companies.

Incidentally, I personally prefer J-M's caution notice to yours. The GAF notice is far more frightening. Observe what it states: (1) product contains asbestos fiber; (2) inhalation. . . may be harmful. This almost suggests that you should not breathe when you are near asbestos fiber. The question is; inhalation of what? air? or dust? Answer is; dust. I think you should mention dust before you refer to inhalation.

There will be a meeting of the Health & Safety Council in New York at the Biltmore Hotel, 11 A.M., Tuesday, February 23rd. You might wish to attend and bring Mr. Carter. Please advise.

I hope this letter is of some help to you. Please feel free to call if you need further information.

Yours sincerely,

Brady Weber

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February 3, 1971

N O T I C E

TO: Representatives and Principals of the Health & Safety
Council/ACPA

Gentlemen:

A meeting of the Health & Safety Council has been called
for TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23rd, at the Hotel Biltmore, New York City.

The meeting will convene in Suite D at 11:00 A.M.
Luncheon will be served.

Because we must guarantee a certain number of luncheons,
please advise me if you plan to attend by signing and returning the
enclosed form as soon as possible.

The Preliminary Agenda is as follows:

1. Financial Report
2. Budget and Funding
3. Report on occupational and community environmental control.
(Mr. Monoky)
4. Report on medical and physical in-plant programs. (Mr. Mesler)
5. Report on public relations liaison with AIC/NA. (Mr. Fay)
6. Report on effects of adverse information on marketing.
(Messrs. Magee and Schwarz)
7. Report on medical and engineering scientific programs.
(Mr. Shackler)

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Walls
Secretary

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February 8, 1971

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: Representatives and Principals of the Health &
Safety Council/ACPA

Gentlemen:

The meeting of the Health & Safety Council/
ACPA has been postponed to Friday, February 26, 1971,
at the Biltmore Hotel, New York city, at 11 A.M.

Please acknowledge by telephone as soon as
possible.

Yours sincerely,

Bradley Walls
Secretary

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