

ASBESTOSIS RESEARCH COUNCIL

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29th December, 1976

Dear Dr. Gilson,

I am glad that we were able to speak on the telephone before the Holiday.

As you will have gathered from my earlier letter, we are very concerned about what we understand are the possible findings of the BOHS Committee and I am looking forward to having your advice in this connection. In view of the great importance to the industry of these findings together with the uncertainties and complexities of the calculations, we have asked Dr. David Muir to help us in interpreting the work and conclusions of the Committee so that we may have a proper understanding of what is involved.

Dr. Muir has kindly agreed to do this but has very properly asked that you should be aware of his interest and that you should agree to his having access to all of the information and calculations.

In view of what you told me during our conversation, we should certainly not wish to delay matters by involving another participant at this stage but we should be grateful if your report could be made available to Dr. Muir as soon as it has been approved by your Committee and also for your agreement that he should have access to all of the information.

Yours sincerely,

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3rd January, 1977.

PROPOSED REVISION OF BOHS HYGIENE STANDARDS FOR ASBESTOS

A meeting was held at T&N Manchester on Thursday, 30th December, 1976 to consider the draft BOHS report which was circulated to members of the BOHS Sub-Committee on Asbestos on 16th December.

Present: Mr. H.D.S. Hardie
Dr. J. Allardice
Dr. J.C. Morris
Dr. S. Holmes
Mr. R. Sykes.

The following action points were agreed to -

1. As a matter of considerable urgency T&N should obtain the services of an independent statistician to study the existing report. This action would be undertaken on a Private and Confidential basis and would be in addition to any further study that might be undertaken by the Institute of Occupational Medicine when Dr. Gilson has approved the release of the basic data used to derive the standard. It was agreed that Miss Ethel Duncan, late of Bristol University, be approached to undertake such a preliminary study and Drs. Allardice and Morris agreed to contact Miss Duncan accordingly. It was also agreed that initial written comments on the draft report be handed to Drs. Allardice and Morris by Monday evening 3rd January, so that these could also be considered by Miss Duncan.
2. The approach to Dr. Gilson for the release of the basic data for independent examination by the I.O.M. should continue to be made by Dr. Gaze.
3. Dr. Holmes should telephone Dr. Levineohm to obtain his reaction to the report and, if possible, find out whether he intends to approve or disprove the existing findings.

R. Sykes.