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AIR HYGIENE & MANUFACTURING COMMITTEE MEETING
September 13, 1962

Attending:

J. L. Mitchell, Chairman	H. K. Porter Company, Inc.
W. C. Atkinson	Johns-Manville Corporation
D. T. Austin	U. S. Rubber Company
J. E. Gerny	Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co.
H. E. Palm	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Jack Rainey	American Asbestos Textile Corp.
C. L. Sheckler	Johns-Manville Corp.
R. B. Smith	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
~~Hans Walter~~	~~American Asbestos Textile Corp.~~

UNITED STATES PUBLIC HEALTH SURVEY

The "Objectives and General Plan for Occupational Health Study of the Asbestos Products Industry" by the Division of Occupational Health, Public Health Services of Department of Health, Education and Welfare dated August 21, 1962, was presented to the representatives of each member company. This states that the General Plan of Study will be:

A. Record Studies

~~Information on the past and present significance of the asbestos problem and its magnitude can be obtained through an analysis of mortality and morbidity data relating to asbestos-exposed workers. These studies~~ will include workers who have left the industry during the last 25 years, those presently exposed, and those who will be leaving the industry, all on a continuing basis.

B. Laboratory Studies

Laboratory research is necessary to develop sampling and appraisal techniques which will permit a detailed definition of asbestos dust exposures. In addition, animal studies are needed to evaluate any relationship between asbestos fiber exposure and tumor formation.

C. In-plant Environmental Studies

The environmental studies will be designed to define the working environment of the various plants. Particular emphasis will be placed on levels and nature of exposures to asbestos dust. Exposures to other air contaminants--silica and mineral dusts, fumes, mists, vapors, and gasses--which may be associated with asbestos or its processing also will be carefully assessed.

D. In-plant Medical Studies

The medical studies will be designed to develop specific information relative to the effects of asbestos dust and other associated exposures on health. They will include medical examinations of a substantial portion of the asbestos-workers in the asbestos-products industry and

The medical findings will be related to the various aspects of the environmental exposures.

President W. S. Hough advised the committee that $1,000,000.00 has already been appropriated for this study and that Dr. Crawley as head of this work is anxious to get along with this.

The committee recommended to the Board of Governors that Dr. Crawley be invited to address this committee for the major portion of the full session of this committee at our next meeting in December at Philadelphia.

It is also the recommendation of this committee to the Board that member companies be invited to send their company doctors to this session and that company hygienists also be in attendance.

We feel Dr. Crawley will welcome this opportunity and that member companies will want to be fully informed in more detail on the methods and procedures of the study.

(These recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board of Governors.)

DUST CONTROL IN SPINNING AND TWISTING DEPARTMENTS

Following discussion at our last meeting one member brought blueprints of the method for hooding spinning frames they propose to try. This was a three-stage plan, each step more detailed if the preceeding step or steps do not adequately meet the dust control problem.

The method is admittedly expensive and will require a rather large air movement. It is quite similar to the hooding arrangements already in operation in some other member companies' plants.

Dust hood designs in carding were also discussed at length.

OPEN HOUSE OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH DIVISION AT CINCINNATI

The Institute and some member companies have received invitations to attend an Open House of the Occupational Health Division in Cincinnati late in October. It was felt some representative from our group should attend.

The Board of Governors voted to send Dr. Shaw as the representative of the Institute.

MEMBRANE FILTERS

Dr. Shaw advised the committee that Dr. Crawley and his Division are giving serious consideration to this type of filter. The committee received copies of a paper from the Asbestosis Research Council of England last month indicating their favorable consideration of this dust determination method.