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NOTES on the meeting of the
Air Hygiene Committee
held February 5, 1947 at the
Mellon Institute, Pittsburgh, Pa.

IN ATTENDANCE:

INDUSTRIAL HYGIENE FOUNDATION

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Head Engineer

F. R. Holden
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Dr. Walmer
Medical Director

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Johns-Manville Corp.

C. P. Elterich
Keasbey & Mattison

B. W. Luttenberger
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

H. D. McKINNEY
Manager

PURPOSES OF THE MEETING

The Industrial Hygiene Foundation proposal for a preliminary survey, as approved at the general meeting on December 12, 1947, formed the basis for this meeting. The objectives of the survey, as outlined in their proposal, were read and discussed in some detail, and no changes were found necessary. The major purpose of this meeting was to make plans for assisting the Industrial Hygiene Foundation in starting the work of their survey.

PLANTS TO BE COVERED BY THE SURVEY

It was agreed that as many as practicable of the member company textile plants should be visited during the course of the field work. The following list was recommended:

Company	Location
Asbestos Textile Co., Inc.	North Brookfield, Mass.
J. Franklin Burke & Co.	Northfield, Vt.
Carolina Asbestos Co.	Davidson, N.C.
Garlock Packing Co.	Palmyra, N.Y.
Johns-Manville Corp.	Manville, N. J.
Keasbey & Mattison	Ambler, Pa.
Philadelphia Asbestos Co.	Norristown, Pa.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.	Manheim, Pa.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.	Charleston, S. C.
Southern Asbestos Co.	Charlotte, N.C.
Union Asbestos & Rubber Co.	Chicago(Cicero)Ill.

INDIVIDUALS IN MEMBER COMPANIES FOR SURVEY CONTACTS

It was suggested that Mr. McKinney write to all member companies and obtain the name of the individual at each plant who is to act as contact man with the Industrial Hygiene Foundation in their survey work over the forthcoming months. This list of companies and contact-individuals therein, will be sent to Mr. McMahon who can then make his arrangements directly with the member companies as to when they would like to visit the various plants, the individuals they would like to talk with, the range of information desired, etc.

COMMENTS

In the course of the discussions covering the direction and scope of the survey, the following points were considered worthy of record:

A. The desirability of standardization among member companies on dust count procedure and routine, is obvious.

B. Inquiry into the practicability of using as many "wet" operations as possible in the manufacture of Asbestos Textiles, appears to be well warranted. It was felt that the present sales department and customer objections to textiles made by "wet" operations were based, to some extent, on a natural resistance to change rather than on a true comparison of the respective products. Because "wet" operations are so effective in reducing dust at the source, inquiry should be directed towards these possibilities.

C. Mr. Luttenberger volunteered to send Mr. Hemeon a group of catalogs and other literature relating to asbestos textile machinery so that Mr. Hemeon could familiarize himself with the units involved, prior to his survey visits.

HARRIS D. McKINNEY
Acting Secretary

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