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TO THE SAFETY WEARING APPAREL GROUP:

ASBESTOS SUBSTITUTES WORKSHOP

Believing you will find it of interest, we have enclosed an announcement from the Asbestos Information Association's newsletter, and also an announcement on the same subject from the Federal Register of May 27, 1980, regarding a workshop related to finding substitutes for asbestos in various products.

As you will see from the attached, the workshop is sponsored by the Consumer Product Safety Commission and the Environmental Protection Agency, and will be held in Arlington, Virginia, on July 14-16.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Frank E. Wilcher, Jr.", written in a cursive style.

Frank E. Wilcher, Jr.
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**Workshop on Substitutes for
Asbestos; Meeting**

AGENCIES: Consumer Product Safety
Commission and Environmental
Protection Agency.

ACTION: Notice of A Workshop on
Substitutes for Asbestos.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Protection
Agency (EPA) and the Consumer
Product Safety Commission (CPSC) will
sponsor a Workshop on Substitutes for
Asbestos from July 14-16, 1980. The
workshop will be held at the Sheraton
National Hotel, 900 S. Orme Street,
Arlington, Virginia. There is no charge
for admission to this workshop.

**FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION
CONTACT:**

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Office (TS-799), Environmental
Protection Agency, 401 M Street, SW.,
Washington, D.C. 20460, Toll-free: 800-
424-9065, In Washington, D.C.: 544-1404.

FOR TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONTACT:
Hopé Pillsbury, Workshop Coordinator
(TS-794), Office of Pesticides and Toxic
Substances, Environmental Protection
Agency, 401 M Street, SW., Washington,
D.C. 20460, 202-755-8023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
purpose of the workshop is to help EPA
and CPSC gather information on the
current technical and economic issues
and potential health hazards relating to
substitutes for asbestos and asbestos-
containing products. The workshop will
be structured so that participants may
choose to attend the entire workshop,
the technical/economic portion, the
health portion, or individual sessions.
Participants from industry, academia,
government, organized labor, and public
interest groups, as well as other
interested parties are invited to attend.

At the outset of the workshop,
overview talks on technical, economic
and regulatory aspects of asbestos
substitutes will be presented. These
talks will include subjects such as
factors affecting speed of technological
innovation, problems of market

definition, and the regulatory status of
asbestos.

The main body of the technical/
economic portion of the workshop will
consist of talks on substitutes for the
approximately ten asbestos product
categories, followed by discussion
sessions. There also will be
opportunities to discuss broader issues
such as the ability of substitute products
to meet new or currently existing
performance standards.

The second portion of the workshop
will focus on health effects of both
fibrous and nonfibrous types of
substitutes. An overview talk on routes
of exposure will be given, followed by
talks on epidemiologic and experimental
studies that have been made on the
various substances that can be used as
substitutes for asbestos. Discussion
sessions will be included on the agenda.

A session is planned in which
manufacturers and other experts on
substitutes can inform the two Agencies
about the characteristics of products
that they make or have studied.

Persons who register by early June
1980 will receive a background
information packet prior to the
workshop to help them prepare for it.

Dated: May 14, 1980.

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*Assistant Administrator Office of Pesticides
and Toxic Substances, Environmental
Protection Agency.*

Dated: May 19, 1980.

Dr. Peter W. Preuss,
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Sciences, Consumer Product Safety
Commission.*

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