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RE: STATUS OF ASBESTOS REPLACEMENT PROGRAM

The following is a list of activities and concerns regarding Alcoa's asbestos substitution program and the status of each.

<u>ACTIVITY</u>	<u>STATUS</u>
1. Overall summary of current situation	Draft prepared.
2. Details on each current use and status of potential replacements	Draft prepared.
3. Division management support for replacement program	Needs help, i.e., letter from Dr. Dinman to management soliciting support.
4. Pittsburgh Office coordination: a) Overall plant coordination b) Potrooms c) Ingot casting	I.H. Staff. J. M. McCollum Needs coordinator.
<u>QUESTION:</u> Does this problem warrant establishing corporate level ad hoc committee? (Departments involved would include: Purchasing, Alcoa Research Laboratories, Health & Safety, and Primary Products -- smelting and ingot casting.)	
5. Logistics of coordination at plant levels	Needs push at most plants.
6. Use of available audiovisual materials at Pittsburgh and Plant levels for training employees and management: a) Johns-Manville film on asbestos-- (for management & employees) b) O.C.A.W. asbestos slide presentation-- (for management only) c) Johns-Manville training pamphlets	Alcoa has 1 copy. Alcoa has 1 copy. Sample copies.

Would like to discuss these with you at your convenience.

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Attachment I

ASBESTOS SURVEY RESULTS

Products in most need of replacement:

- 1) Tapes, gaskets, seals
- 2) Insulation for wires, pipes, furnaces (sleeving & tubings)
- 3) Asbestos hard boards - marinite, transite for ovens, furnaces, panel boards, etc.
- 4) Curtains and blankets
- 5) High heat gloves (above 1100°F)
- 6) Miscellaneous items - thermocouple wire and blocks, various fibers for roofs, etc., aluminized clothing.