

is directed to chemical substances. EPA will make decision by December 1977 whether to propose standards for control of "asbestos" emissions from taconite plants based on current ongoing studies. Revised National Drinking Water Regulations to establish treatment techniques or maximum contaminant levels are scheduled for issuance in May 1977.

MESA's Federal Metal and Nonmetal Mine Safety Advisory Committee has recommended change for current 5fp/ml to 1fp/ml with probable effective date late 1977. Since public advisory committee proceedings were "open", a public hearing on this proposal is not necessary or planned. The newly established Bureau of Mines Metalurgy Research Center, College Park, Maryland, involved with asbestos particle identification was discussed. This unit is providing material for the MSW-NIEH ongoing four-year oral feeding study of animals to investigate ingestion of asbestos fiber.

It was reported that a report on the petition filed with the Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) by Natural Resources Defense Council, Inc. and the Consumer's Union of the U.S.A., Inc. for promulgation of a rule banning certain asbestos-containing patching compounds is now under review by the CPSC solicitor. AIA/NA submitted comments to CPSC on the matters being investigated.

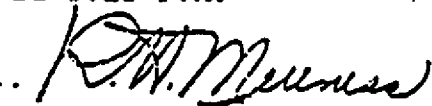
Establishment of the new category of associate membership in the Association provides a means of greater effectiveness in fulfilling the Association's objectives. Directors were encouraged to make contacts within the industry to advise of the Association's work, promoting membership in either regular or associate category as appropriate. Upon being advised of possible membership interest, AIA/NA staff will provide follow-up communication.

Other Business

The next regular meeting of Directors is scheduled for March 10, 1977, at Stouffer's National Center Hotel, Arlington, Virginia, commencing at 9:00 A.M.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 P.M.


R. H. Mereness
Executive Director (Secretary)

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