

GENERAL DISCUSSION OF PRESENTED TOPICS

- Q. What was the Du Pont standard that listed all of the asbestos-containing cements?
- A. Cements SN-500M.
- Q. What has Johns-Manville been doing in the area of research? I certainly don't expect them to be going out of the insulation business.
- A. Johns-Manville has been very quiet about this. We know they are trying to develop an asbestos-free product but we've heard some adverse results of these materials in shipment. I might mention that all of the asbestos-free calcium silicates we've seen so far by appearance and we can imagine general characteristics are somewhat less than the previous asbestos-bearing calcium silicates. They have lost something. We're going to have to learn to live with it. I don't know other than J-M's Thermo 12 which is a calcium silicate type insulation if they're using a glass fiber binder. They make no prediction other than the end of 1972. In other products, I don't know what they're heading into.
- Q. Is Johns-Manville doing anything in the way of research on better engineering controls?
- A. In their own shops, I know nothing about. I can only assume they'd have to be, because of the volume of asbestos they handle for many products other than just thermal insulation.
- Q. These substitutes, during fabrication or whatever, produce fibrous materials that satisfy the geometry of this regulation. Will they be