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A TRADE association representing manufacturers of asbestos cement pipe have challenged EPA's water quality criteria and argues that they should not be used as guidelines in promulgating drinking water standards.

The A/C Pipe Producers Association claims that EPA's criteria rely on inadequate scientific evidence. They note that EPA's conclusions are based on research on the inhalation of asbestos, despite the fact that extensive scientific findings are available on the ingestion of asbestos, including through the medium of drinking water.

In stating its case, the association cited studies conducted in both Quebec and the Puget Sound area,
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are waters are high in naturally occurring asbestos. Both studies failed to show any link between the mineral and gastrointestinal cancer.

The pipe producers also pointed to studies reaching the same conclusion based on tests in Connecticut, Duluth, Minneapolis and St. Paul.