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SUBJECT: AIA/NA

Attached is a copy of a letter from the AIA/NA, dated January 17, 1972.

Messrs. Bettoli, Darrell, and Weiner will be attending the meeting on February 3.

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TO: AIA/NA MEMBER COMPANIES
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RE: SPECIAL MEETING OF AIA/NA

On February 3, 1972 a special meeting of all of the member companies of the AIA/NA will be held in New York at Johns-Manville, 22 East 40th Street, fourth floor Corporate Meeting Room, beginning at 10 a.m. The purpose of the meeting will be to review the first two Federal Environmental Protection Agency hearings on the proposed national emissions standards on asbestos, and to plan the AIA/NA strategy for the Los Angeles hearing scheduled for February 15.

In addition, we shall discuss the March 14 hearing that has been scheduled by the Department of Labor as part of the procedures for the development of a permanent occupational standard for asbestos (see attached documents). In view of the great importance of the March 14 hearing we would request that you try to determine, in time for the February 3 meeting, the economic impact on your company of both the five fiber emergency standard now in effect and also the two fiber standard, which our information indicates is the direction in which the Department of Labor is headed with regard to a permanent standard. Some of the information that we would like to have for discussion at the meeting is:

1. How much will it cost your company to meet the five fiber standard?
2. How much additional funds would be required to reduce occupational levels to two fibers?
3. Are you aware of any operation within your company where it is technically impossible to reduce the fiber level to two?

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4. Are you aware of any operation where it is technically feasible to reduce the level to two fibers, but where the funds required to do the job would make that operation or product line unprofitable?
5. What would be the economic impact of a two fiber standard in terms of operations shut down, unprofitable product lines eliminated, lost jobs, etc.

We would appreciate hearing as soon as possible whether you will be able to attend the February 3 meeting.

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JOB SAFETY AGENCY SETS RULEMAKING ON ASBESTOS HEALTH STANDARD

A proposed rulemaking proceeding to make permanent the existing emergency standard on asbestos was announced today by the Labor Department's Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

The emergency standard was issued December 7. It reduced the permissible level of asbestos dust from 12 fibers per milliliter greater than 5 microns long to 5 such fibers for an eight-hour time-weighted average airborne concentration.

The latter level is the essential basis of the proposed rulemaking. Related standards dealing with monitoring, sampling, medical examinations, and the use of signs are also proposed.

George C. Guenther, Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, said a hearing on the proposal will be held March 14 in Conference Room B of the Departmental Auditorium in Washington. Written comments will be accepted until February 11, and those wishing to appear in person must notify OSHA by March 3.

The Assistant Secretary also announced that an advisory committee will be appointed and asked to submit written recommendations to him concerning the proposals within 45 days from the publication of the notice in the Federal Register.

Guenther also announced that the emergency standard for asbestos was being widened to include the ship repairing, shipbuilding, shipbreaking and longshoring industries.

Announcement of the actions on asbestos will be published in the Federal Register January 11.

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Chapter XVII—Occupational Safety
and Health Administration, De-
partment of Labor

PART 1910—OCCUPATIONAL SAFETY
AND HEALTH STANDARDS

Standard for Exposure to Asbestos
Dust in Ship Repairing, Shipbuild-
ing, Shipbreaking, and Longshoring

Pursuant to section 6(c) of the Wil-
liams-Steiger Occupational Safety and
Health Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1596; 29
U.S.C.) and Secretary of Labor's
Order No. 12-71 (36 F.R. 8754), 29 CFR
1910.13, 1910.14, 1910.15, and 1910.16 are
hereby amended as set forth below, in
order to prescribe an emergency tem-
porary standard concerning the exposure
of employees to asbestos dust.

Sections 1910.13, 1910.14, 1910.15, and
1910.16 adopt, and extend the applica-
bility of, maritime safety and health
standards originally published in 29 CFR
Parts 1501, 1502, 1503, and 1504, now re-
designated as 29 CFR Parts 1915, 1916,
1917, and 1918 (see 36 F.R. 25232). Those
standards permit the exposure of em-
ployees to concentrations of asbestos dust
so high as to constitute a great danger
to the employees. The immediate adop-
tion of the emergency temporary stand-
ard set forth below, which is the same as
that promulgated for industries in gen-
eral on December 7, 1971 (36 F.R. 23207)
is necessary to protect employees from
that danger.

In addition, 29 CFR 1910.93a (36 F.R.
23208) is amended by correcting a cler-
ical error in paragraph (g) thereof.

Part 1910 of Title 29 of the Code of

Federal Regulations is amended as
follows:

1. In § 1910.13, a new paragraph (c) is
added, reading as follows:

§ 1910.13 Ship repairing.

(c) The standards prescribed in
§ 1910.93a shall apply in the case of ex-
posure of any employee to asbestos dust,
in lieu of any different standards other-
wise required by Part 1915 of this chap-
ter (formerly Part 1501 of this title).

2. In § 1910.14, a new paragraph (c)
is added, reading as follows:

§ 1910.14 Shipbuilding.

(c) The standards prescribed in
§ 1910.93a shall apply in the case of the
exposure of any employee to asbestos
dust, in lieu of any different standards
otherwise required by Part 1916 of this
chapter (formerly Part 1502 of this title).

3. In § 1910.15, a new paragraph (c)
is added, reading as follows:

§ 1910.15 Shipbreaking.

(c) The standards prescribed in
§ 1910.93a shall apply in the case of ex-
posure of any employee to asbestos dust,
in lieu of any different standards other-
wise required by Part 1917 of this chap-
ter (formerly Part 1503 of this title).

4. In § 1910.16, a new paragraph (c)
is added, reading as follows:

§ 1910.16 Longshoring.

(c) The standards prescribed in
§ 1910.93a shall apply in the case of ex-
posure of any employee to asbestos dust,
in lieu of any different standards other-
wise required by Part 1918 of this chap-
ter (formerly Part 1504 of this title).

5. In § 1910.93a (36 F.R. 23208), para-
graph (g) is revised to read as follows:

§ 1910.93a Asbestos dust.

(g) All cleanup of asbestos dust shall
be performed by vacuum cleaners. No
dry sweeping or blowing of dust shall be
performed.

(Sec. 6(c), 84 Stat. 1596; 29 U.S.C. 855. Sec-
retary's Order No. 12-71, 36 F.R. 8754)

Effective date. These amendments
shall become effective immediately upon
publication in the FEDERAL REGISTER
(1-11-72).

Signed at Washington, D.C., this 6th
day of January 1972.

G. C. GUENTHER,
Assistant Secretary of Labor.

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