

EPA will engage both technical and economic contractors to gather and compile data during its investigation, DeKany said. It has been subsequently learned that GCA Corporation has been awarded the technical contract and Research Triangle Institute the economic contract. According to DeKany, EPA intends to issue by late summer an advance notice of proposed rulemaking (ANPRM) which will describe the agency's investigation, set out internal priorities, and include questions addressing key issues. The industry will be invited to respond to the ANPRM. (Note: Copy of Mr. DeKany's presentation is available on request.)

Representatives of AIA/NA and Association of Asbestos Cement Pipe Producers gave on June 18 in EPA's headquarters a comprehensive presentation to EPA and other agency officials on asbestos-containing products and their use. Other Association initiatives are being explored in order to be fully cooperative with EPA as this agency assesses the need for further regulation of the industry.

OSHA AND NCI BEGIN ASBESTOS WORKER TRAINING PROGRAM

OSHA and National Cancer Institute have joined forces in \$500,000 training project to educate workers on safe means of working with asbestos in schools.

\$360,000 of the \$500,000 transferred to OSHA from NCI will go to the City of New York which will be the site of a demonstration project this summer. New York Board of Education's Division of School Buildings has pioneered the application of recently developed asbestos control methods.

Demonstrations of exemplary asbestos removal, enclosure, and sealing operations may be attended in person by interested contractors and school boards. Remainder of \$500,000 will go to Battelle Memorial Laboratories in Columbus, Ohio, for preparation of a 30-minute introductory film and a series of audio visual cassette presentations, each addressing a different corrective measure which might be employed.

NIOSH is to receive \$2 million from NCI for the purpose of establishing 10 other such demonstration projects, ideally one in each of the 10 federal regions.

Assistant Secretary of Labor (OSHA) Dr. Eula Bingham stated that the OSHA/NCI project could result in more general health benefits, since schools are a workplace shared by many employees. "Workers educated about proper safety precautions will help ensure the health of all users of the public schools," according to Dr. Bingham.

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