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Nine categories of materials that used asbestos were discussed regarding availability of substitutes.

Friction Products	- Exact substitutes not available technically.
Gaskets and Packings	- Packings being converted. Gaskets have economic drawback. Technically feasible.
Plastics	- Converted.
Flooring	- 15% of VAT is asbestos and is being converted.
Roofing	- Asbestos out - glass in.
Pipeline Wrap	- Substitutes available.
Textiles	- Substitutes available, but more costly.
Sealants & Caulks	- Not a major problem, but adds to expense.
Asbestos - Cement sheet and pipe.	- Substitutes available.

From this description, it is apparent, everyone is moving away from asbestos and nothing said at session will stop that trend.

The depth of technical background on the various products was poor. As most of the presenters "pitched" rather than presented their products. A number of our suppliers and competitors attended the sessions. There were over 800 attendees about half of which were government regulators.



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