

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP
MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY
JUNE 6, 1979

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In Attendance:

R. L. Beach (Co-Chairman) - AT&T, Human Resources
G. P. Bisgeier, M.D. - N. J. Bell, Medical
N. J. DeCapua - AT&T, Real Estate Management
J. M. Degen (Secretary) - AT&T, Human Resources
M. J. Hanley, M.D. - BTL, Medical and Environmental Health
J. R. Lauritzen - Western Electric, Environmental Engineering
C. H. Steinmetz, M.D. - N. Y. Tel., Medical
R. W. Stone, M.D. (Co-Chairman) - AT&T, Medical
G. M. Wilkening - BTL, Environmental Health and Safety

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Members Absent:

J. P. Dunn, M.D.

Guests:

J. P. Kroll, M.D. - Long Lines
R. Deitchman - BTL
W. J. Schreibeis - BTL
G. W. Barnard - Long Lines

Future Meeting:

July 31, 1979 - Murray Hill, NJ - 9:00 am.

Respirator Programs - Medical Examination Requirement

In a recent court decision it was determined that an employee has the right to waive any medical examination prior to the issuance of a respirator, as called for in 29 CFR 1910.134(b). This decision is one further instance of employers being given a responsibility, but not the necessary authority to discharge that responsibility.

Guidelines for Control of Asbestos Exposure

Mr. Beach reviewed the efforts to date to establish a basis for comprehensive guidelines for controlling employee exposure to airborne asbestos fibers. Two drafts of a System Letter intended to set the policy for the guidelines have resulted in such diverse comments from various departments that a consensus version could not be formulated. As a result, Mr. Beach has prepared a third draft that represents a completely different approach to the problem. With the third draft are many attachments that form the nucleus of a set of guidelines.

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Discussion of the third draft and attachments was centered around additional issues that should be included in the attachments such as an employee information package and a compendium of exposure measurement results.

Further discussion was devoted to the resolution of basic issues fundamental to the overall direction the guidelines would take. A sub-group composed of Messrs. Beach, Wilkening, Degen and Dr. Steinmetz was appointed to work on the guidelines further in an attempt to arrive at a consensus position. This sub-group will meet prior to the next OEWG meeting. —

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