

More came out of that meeting such as the incriminating evidence against cigarette smoking as a very probable co-carcinogen, and the clear differences in risk with the type of fiber and nature of exposure.

In total, it is now known that asbestos-related health risks are almost exclusively confined to the occupational environment . . . that the effects of excessive inhalation of asbestos are both time and dose related . . . that there are exposure levels that will not result in any increased risk of disease . . . and that the disease being found today among some long-time employees is not an indication of present day conditions; rather, it is a result of conditions existing decades ago when neither industry, government or the medical/scientific community knew much about the health effects of asbestos and even less about the proper means for their control.

THE J-M ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT

In its continuing effort to provide the widest field of knowledge on asbestos and health, J-M has established an Environmental Affairs Department. As part of the department's services, various types and forms of information are made available to J-M customers and other interested parties.

A series of reports on asbestos and health problems is available free by filling out the order form (Figure 9) and returning it to the J-M Service Center with the proper code number. The printed materials available as of January 1974 are:

1. **Asbestos . . . A Family of Minerals** - describing the characteristics of the four commercially significant varieties of asbestos (EA-4P-376).
2. **Report of the Advisory Committee on Asbestos Cancers to the Director of the International Agency for Research on Cancer** - outlining the major conclusions from the 1972 meeting in Lyon, France, of respected researchers from all over the world who were studying the biological effects of asbestos. (EA-1P-374).
3. **Asbestos and Health** - discussing the occupational health risks from asbestos dust and what J-M and the industry has done to eliminate or control them. (EA-3P-375).
4. **Questions and Answers on Asbestos and Health** - providing answers to the most commonly asked questions about the biological effects of asbestos. (EA-10P-3711).
5. **Asbestos-Cement Water Pipe and Health** - discussing the results of studies to determine if drinking water that has passed through asbestos-cement water pipe poses any health risks (EA-12P-3711).
6. **Asbestos: No Risk to the Public** - reviewing asbestos health research to determine if there is any risk to the public from the use or manufacture of asbestos products. (EA-8P-3711).

Other material available includes:

7. **What Every Employee Should Know about Asbestos** - a pocket-size employee guide to asbestos and health, including the responsibilities of both employer and employee in providing a safe working environment. (EA-13L-3711)

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