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Copy to	Mr. J. L. Myers Mr. J. J. Sibley	Subject	Asbestos Related Legislative and Regulatory Activities

The attached summaries provide a good picture of the status of asbestos related legislative and regulatory activities. Your attention is directed to the large number of bills in Connecticut, some of which have broader impact than asbestos. It may be useful to pass this list along to our governmental affairs representative for New England.

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STATE LEGISLATION OF INTEREST

The following current state bills are significant in that they refer to asbestos by name:

Category I: Bills regarding changes to statutes of limitation to accommodate lawsuits for asbestos related disease:

Item #	State	Bill No.	Memo
1	Alabama	H. 244	Passed House 2/26/80. Passed Senate Judiciary Committee 3/4/80. Pending in Senate.
2	Alabama	S. 66	
3	Ohio	H.B. 716	Signed 3/14/80. Effective 6/12/80.
4	Massachusetts	S. 2012	Introduced 4/2/80. Referred to Commerce & Labor Cmte.
5	Nebraska	L.B. 858	Has been reported out of committee but not a high priority item. Survival past 4/9 deadline not likely

Category II: Bills addressing asbestos in schools or other buildings; some establishing a study commission, others making appropriation for detection and abatement:

Item #	State	Bill No.	
6	California	S. 1900	
7	Connecticut	H. 5471	
8	Connecticut	H. 5608	
9	Connecticut	H. 5358	
10	Hawaii	H.B. 3026	
11	Hawaii	H.B. 3027	
12	Hawaii	S. 1932	
13	Hawaii	H.C.R. 110	
14	Hawaii	H.R. 358	
15	Maryland	H. 1654	
16	Nebraska	L.B. 715	
	Nebraska	L.B. 715A	Provides funds for LB 715
17	Washington	H. 1789	

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Category III: Miscellaneous

Item #	State	Bill No.	Memo
18	Massachusetts	H. 2811	Would have required skull and crossbones label. AIA/NA comments submitted 2/20/80. House accepted Committee report recommending bill not pass 2/25/80.
19	California	A. 946	Creates the Asbestos Workers Fund in the state treasury. Facilitates workers' compensation for asbestos workers. Passed Assembly 1/29/80 by vote of 79-0. Amended in Senate Industrial Relations Cmte. Re-referred to same Committee after 2nd reading 3/24/80
20	Connecticut	H. 5782	Ban of A/C pipe. Environment Committee hearing 3/10/80 Did not pass Committee.
21	Connecticut	H. 5783	Establishes task force to study public health hazards of asbestos. Environment Committee hearing 3/10/80. Reported favorably 3/26/80.
22	Connecticut	H. 5784	Requires Dept. of Environmental Protection to adopt regulations by 1/1/82 concerning outdoor asbestos emissions. Hearing in Environment Committee 3/10/80. AIA/NA comments submitted at 3/10 hearing. Committee reported bill favorably and referred it to Appropriations Committee which has until 4/10/80 to report it out. $25,000 for a study
23	Connecticut	H. 5807	Requires labeling for construction products stating "item contains asbestos and that asbestos may cause cancer when inhaled." Hearing in Environment Committee 3/10/80. AIA/NA submitted comments at 3/10 hearing.
		1	Committee reported bill favorably and referred it to General Laws Committee 3/13/80. General Laws Cmte. has approved bill and is expected to report it out to full House by 4-11-80. AIA/NA has resubmitted comments to General Laws Committee.
24	Connecticut	S. 8	Establishes information and notice requirements for employers using carcinogens. Passed Senate 3/26/80. Reported Favorably to whole House, where now pending.
25	Connecticut	S. 254	Establishes civil and criminal penalties for violations of S.8 Residing in Senate Judiciary Committee.

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FEDERAL INITIATIVES: Status Report — 9 April 1980

ITEM #	AGENCY	OFFICE/ TASK GROUP	TITLE	FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION/ PUBLICATION DATE	DESCRIPTION/ STATUS	CONTACT	RESPONSE DATE	AIA/NA RESPONSE
	General							
(1)	Regulatory Council		Statement on Regulation of Chemical Carcinogens	44 FR 60038 10-17-79	Administration's government wide cancer policy	Mike Volpe 395-6110	11-15-79	✓
(2)	Interagency Regulatory Liaison Group (IRLG)	Work Group on Risk Assessment	Scientific Basis for Identification of Potential Carcinogens and Estimation of Risks	44 FR 39857 7-6-79	Risk assessment strategy, Annexed by Regulatory Council Statement	Susan Guenette 634-4350	10-31-79	✓
(3)	EPA	Office of Air Quality Planning and Standards	National Emissions Standards for Identifying, Assessing and Regulating Airborne Substances Posing a Risk of Cancer	44 FR 58641 10-10-79	Applies Clean Air Act to Regulatory Council Statement; For Stationary Sources	Bob Kellam (919)-541-5355	2-21-80 Public Hearings Washington, D.C. 3-10,11 Boston 3-12 Houston 3-13	
(4)	OSHA	Directorate of Health Standards Programs	Identification, Classification and Regulation of Toxic Substances Posing a Potential Occupational *Carcinogenic Risk*	45 FR 5001 1-22-80	Generic cancer policy FINAL RULE effective 4-21-80	James Foster 523-8151		✓
(5)	Council on Environmental Quality	Toxic Substances Strategy Committee	Report to the President	44 FR 48133 8-16-79	To develop an interagency program to eliminate overlaps and fill gaps in collection of data on toxic chemicals and to coordinate federal research and regulatory activities affecting them. 200 page Draft is undergoing revision in light of public comment.	Robert B. Nicholas 395-4980	10-15-79	

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	General (cont'd)							
6)	Executive Office of the President	Office of Science and Technology Policy	Identification, Characterization, and Control of Potential Human Carcinogens: A Framework for Decision-Making		Discusses role of well organized scientific inquiry, objective review of evidence regarding carcinogenicity, and detailed characterization of potential risk to humans. Final publication 2-1-79.	Carl Gerber 456-6272		
7)	U.S. Congress	Office of Technology Assessment	Technologies for Determining Cancer Risks From the Environment		Assesses estimates of cancer risk from different exposures, cancer testing technologies, and extrapolation techniques and addresses the question of "unreasonable risk." Final report expected November, 1980.	Mike Gough 224-4142		
	Specific to Asbestos							
8)	EPA	Office of Toxic Substances	Commercial and Industrial Use of Asbestos Fibers; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	44 FR 60061 10-17-79	Under Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA), EPA is conducting an investigation of the cumulative effects of exposure to asbestos throughout its life cycle to culminate in the promulgation of rules to prevent and reduce any unreasonable risks that are identified.	John Ritch 755-8274	2-18-80	✓
9)	CPSC	Office of Program Management	Consumer Products Containing Asbestos; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	44 FR 60057 10-17-79	Begins formal CPSC investigation of asbestos in consumer products. Describes CPSC's proposed regulatory approach to asbestos in consumer products.	Virginia White 492-6557	2-18-80	✓

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	Specific to Asbestos (cont'd)							
10)	OSHA	Directorate of Health Standards Programs	Occupational Exposure to Asbestos; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	40 FR 47651 10-9-75	Would lower permissable exposure limit to 0.5 f/cc; Excludes construction; Currently undergoing review	David Bell 523-7017	2-9-76	✓
11)	EPA	Office of Water Planning and Standards	Water Quality Criteria: Asbestos	44 FR 56627 10-1-79	Recommends asbestos fiber concentrations in drinking water corresponding to risk levels for gastrointestinal and peritoneal mesothelioma	David Sabock 245-3030	2-15-80	✓
	Additions Nov.-Dec.'79							
12)	EPA	Office of Environmental Review	Assessing the Environmental Effects of EPA Actions Abroad; Proposed Regulation	44 FR 68775 11-29-79	Would require a notice to EPA of exportation of substances regulated or proposed to be regulated under Toxic Substances Control Act	Thomas Sheckells 755-0790	1-14-80	
13)	IRLG	Epidemiology Work Group	Draft Guideline for Documentation of Epidemiological Studies	44 FR 67232 11-23-79	Furnishes minimal, objective criteria to evaluate epidemological studies submitted for regulatory decision making	Dr. Roberts D.Verhalen	3-1-80	
	Additions Dec.-Jan. '79/80							
14)	EPA	Office of Toxic Substances	Health and Safety Data Reporting; Submission of Lists and Copies of Health and Safety Studies	44 FR 77469 12-31-79	Requires submission of health and safety studies on specifically listed chemicals by chemical manufacturers, processors, distributors and others in possession of such studies	John B. Ritch 755-8274	2-29-80	✓

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Additions March-April 1980								
(15)	Mine Safety & Health Admin.	Office of Standards, Regulations and Variances	Review of Standards; Advance Notice of Proposed Rulemaking	45 FR 19267 3-25-80	Review of all safety and health standards applicable to metal and nonmetal mines	Frank A. White 235-1910	5-27-80	

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