

May 7, 1963

Irving J. Selikoff, M. D.
Environmental Sciences Laboratory
Mount Sinai School of Medicine
Fifth Avenue and 100th Street
New York, New York 10029

Dear Dr. Selikoff:

Unfortunately, the original of your letter dated April 10, 1963 pertaining to the problems of health hazards in the insulation industry was not received by my office.

Although we represent a small segment of the total insulation industry, we are vitally concerned about problems associated with any of our many product lines.

I have discussed your letter with Mr. F. A. Hendriksen, Division General Manager of our insulation business. We have agreed that Mr. H. P. Hoopes, the Division Technical Director will represent Fibreboard Corporation at this meeting. Mr. Hoopes is thoroughly familiar with the national and international insulation industry.

Cordially,

cc: F. A. Hendriksen
H. P. Hoopes

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Dear Mr. Burgess:

We hope that the original copy of the attached letter has reached you. In the event it has not, we are sending a duplicate copy.

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April 10, 1963

Mr. G.W. Burgess, President
Fibreboard Paper Products Corporation
475 Brannan St.
San Francisco 19, California

Dear Mr. Burgess:

The New York Academy of Sciences has had a continuing interest in problems of health hazards in the asbestos insulation industry. Recent evidence suggests that while these hazards may be significant, conversely they may be sharply reduced or eliminated by appropriate remediable measures.

The Academy's Division of Environmental Sciences is therefore convening a Working Group on Insulation Industry Hygiene to consider the steps necessary to formulate an appropriate industrial hygiene program for this important industry. Experts from Industry, Labor, Government and Academic Institutions will participate; Industry representatives will include leading executives of the Johns-Manville Corporation, the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, the Certain-teed Products Corporation and others as well as representatives of the Quebec Mine Producers Association and the Insulation Distributor Contractors National Association; Labor representatives will include the President and appropriate staff members of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, while interested government agencies will include the United States Public Health Service and the United States Bureau of Mines.

The Working Group will meet at the Academy on May 14, 1963 at 9 AM. It is planned that the discussions will be completed by 5:30 PM; luncheon will be served at the Academy.

The Academy is honored to invite you and Mr. I.A. Nordstrom to serve as members of this Working Group, and to participate in the discussions concerning the development of a program for the removal of health hazards in the Insulation Industry. An outline is attached listing a number of areas that will be considered. Your thoughts on these subjects will be valued, as well as on such other aspects of the question that you consider important.

Mr. G.W. Burgess

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The Academy will appreciate your early acceptance, and that of Mr. L.A. Nordstrom, of this invitation and will be grateful for your participation in this Working Group.

Very truly yours,

Irving J. Selikoff, M.D.
President-Elect,
The New York Academy of Sciences

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A. Industrial Hygiene Program: Insulation Industry

1. Identification of dust sources
 - a. Review of trade practices
 - b. Analysis of IAHFIAW survey
 - c. Baseline levels: light microscopy, E.M., biological
2. Prevention of dust formation
 - a. Materials manufacture
 - b. Packaging and transport
 - c. Manipulation of materials
 - d. Trade practices
3. Removal of dust
4. Protective masks
5. Housekeeping practices
6. Establishment of surveillance procedures
 - a. Dust levels
 - b. Materials; new materials
 - c. Trade practices
7. Employee examination schedules
8. Cigarette smoking

B. Organizational structure

1. Research Program: Academic
 - a. Current industry modifications; recommendations
 - b. Identification of necessary subsequent research
2. Industry Advisory Committee
3. Funding