

OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP
MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY
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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 OHWG meeting.

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Employee Exposure Recordkeeping Systems

Discussion from the previous meeting was continued on the subject of managing employee exposure records. Mr. Lauritzen presented the major benefits and shortcomings in the system currently being implemented within the Western Electric Company. The availability of several time share commercial systems was also discussed.

A sub-group composed of Mr. Lauritzen and Drs. Bisgeier and Steinmetz was charged with the task of studying the needs of the Bell System in this area and making a recommendation to the OEWG.



J. M. Degen
Secretary

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