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PROPOSED ENGINEERING STANDARD S4T - ASBESTOS

The Safety and Fire Protection Subcommittee of the Engineering Standards Committee has developed a draft standard, "Asbestos Dust Exposure, Measurement and Control". Since our initial efforts, OSHA regulations have been promulgated which we feel should be reflected in this standard.

The following wording covering medical examinations has been proposed for inclusion. We would appreciate your comments and any suggested changes:

6. MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

The employer will make medical examinations, relative to asbestos exposure, available at his cost.

6.1 Preplacement - Each employee shall have a physical examination within 30 days of his first exposure to airborne concentrations of asbestos fibers.

6.2 Annual - An annual examination shall be conducted on each employee exposed to airborne concentrations of asbestos dust.

6.3 Termination of Employment - Each employee shall have an examination within 30 days before or after termination of employment in an area of exposure to airborne asbestos dust.

6.4 Recent Examination - No additional exams are required if adequate records show that the employee has been examined in compliance with the above sections.

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6.5 Records - Employers will maintain complete and accurate records of each employee's examination and retain these records for 20 years.

6.6 Technique - Each examination will consist of a minimum

6.6.1 - Posterior-anterior chest X-ray 14" x 17"

6.6.2 - History to elicit symptomology of respiratory disease

6.6.3 - Pulmonary function tests to include forced vital capacity and forced expiratory volume at 1 second.

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