

OSHA is now putting more emphasis on industry comment concerning the problems of the present standard and suggestions for rewording and amendment.

The asbestos industry input is being provided by the Standards & Technical Committee of the Asbestos Information Association/North America, consisting of 13 members under chairmanship of E. M. Fenner of Johns-Manville. They expect to complete their input on work practices and other areas by July 15 and, at the present time, are not able to estimate when OSHA will issue a new proposed standard for asbestos.

In order to provide you with greater detail on the subject, we are attaching comments from the April 22 and April 25 issues of the Occupational Safety and Health Reporter.

Concerning the two items remanded by the court to the Secretary of Labor, it is our opinion:

- (1) that the effective date of the 2 fiber standard will not change, and that staggered implementation dates will not be utilized.
- (2) that the retention period for monitoring records will increase - possibly to twenty years.

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