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TO: 3-M ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH TASK FORCE
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RE: OSHA ASBESTOS STANDARDS

The Department of Labor yesterday announced that a public hearing will be held on March 14, 1972 in Washington as part of the procedure for developing a permanent occupational standard for asbestos. As you recall, the 5 fiber standard issued in December was a "temporary" one. It will have to be replaced by a permanent standard within six months.

The temporary standard as published in the Federal Register on December 1 will serve as the basis for the March 14 hearing. OSHA will also be holding a public hearing until February 21. Notice of intent to publish a permanent standard to OSHA by March 3. In addition, an advisory committee is being formed to develop recommendations for a new permanent standard. Our best information is that the members of this advisory committee have not yet been selected. Nevertheless, a report from this committee is due at the end of February, prior to the public hearing.

Additional information on this fast moving matter will be forwarded as soon as it becomes available.

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