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PROPOSAL FOR PRELIMINARY SURVEY FOR ASBESTOS TEXTILE INSTITUTE

Objective

The object of the preliminary survey would be to collect data from approximately a dozen plants in the asbestos industry, as outlined at our conference here on November 6, covering the following subjects:

I. Physical and mechanical conditions respecting dust and dust control equipment,

II. General nature of records or experience respecting asbestosis,

III. Present medical and hygienic services and engineering practices, and pertinent related matters bearing upon the overall problem.

Based upon the findings from this preliminary inventory of the industry, a report will be prepared for presentation at the June meeting of the Asbestos Textile Institute.

The Report

The report will summarize our observations, on an industry-wide basis, and will present comprehensive recommendations for a program of action designed to improve dust control and physical working conditions in the industry.

The report will deal, first with engineering problems of dust control. In particular, it will indicate the anticipated advantages to members of the Institute from an industry-wide study and systematic, objective review and evaluation of dust control procedure in order to make the best experience of individual companies more universally available and applicable to the industry. The report, of course, would be entirely confidential and the sole property of the Asbestos Textile Institute.



Procedure

In the performance of this preliminary investigation it is planned to spend an average of one day in each of the designated plants, which we understand may be 12 to 14. The Foundation's Medical Director will take part in the study in several plants, possibly the Philadelphia-New Jersey area. A few dust counts would probably be made in each plant.

In the preliminary survey it would be desirable, if authorized, to collect information respecting each company's insurance carrier and the technical services available from this source, as well as information respecting the State Health Department facilities in each area and the company's relationship with the agency.

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Medical aspects of the project should include at least preliminary information on medical records, local roentgenographic facilities and compensation laws governing the various jurisdictions.

The approximate cost of the preliminary survey is estimated at from $3,000 to $3,500. Besides the time of the Foundation's staff members involved, this amount would include all expenses, as for traveling and laboratory analyses.

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The procedure outlined here has been proven practical by its application in other industries, including the U.S. Potters Association, the National Industrial Sand Association, and to some extend in the refractories industry. Meanwhile, similar projects have been authorized by the Grinding Wheel Manufacturers Association and by a segment of the glass industry.

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