

Minutes: FIBER TESTING COMMITTEE
June 8 - 9, 1967
Lucerno Motel, Montreal Canada

Attending:

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D.E. Childers
J.D. Christian
R. Dodds-Hebron
E.A. Farrell
B. Lincoln
W. Smith
W.C. Streib
J. Wronski

Asbestos Corp., Ltd.
H.K. Porter, Inc.
Cassiar Asbestos Corp., Ltd.
Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
Lake Asbestos of Quebec, Ltd.
Turner & Newall, Ltd.
Bell Asbestos Mines, Ltd.
Johns-Manville Corp.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.

Subjects Discussed

1. The first part of the meeting was held jointly with the Technical Committee members to discuss the Magnetic Rating test. The Technical Committee is currently considering re-writing this test for ASTM (D-1118). The Fiber Testing Committee is also looking into the possibility of re-writing this procedure, which is given in the Test Manual and is essentially the same as the ASTM procedure.

At the last meeting, the Fiber Testing Committee decided to run a number of round robin tests to measure the degree of variation that exists between and within laboratories in tests measuring the magnetite content of fibers. The Technical Committee agreed that it would be best to await the results of these tests before proceeding with further efforts at revising the ASTM procedure.

About half of the participants of the round robin have completed the tests and reported on them. It is anticipated that all tests will be completed by the next meeting and that meaningful data from the tests will be available at that time for a critical evaluation of current methods for measuring magnetite content of fibers.

2. Mr. Christian suggested the need for including statements in the Testing Manual that would caution users on the limitations to be placed on interpreting results obtained from the tests. He proposed to submit formal suggestions at the next meeting.
3. The Encyclopedia of Industrial Chemical Analysis is soon to publish a section in volume six on tests pertaining to asbestos. Raybestos-Manhattan was asked to contribute to this section. It was suggested that any A.T.I. member asked to contribute articles on asbestos testing in this publication in the future might first wish to present their contribution to appropriate committees within the A.T.I. for review. Such a review might produce suggestions that could result in a presentation representative of the views of the asbestos industry.

Respectfully submitted,

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