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Mr. Jack M. Barnhardt, Executive Secretary
National Insulation Manufacturers Association
441 Lexington Avenue
New York, N. Y. 10017

Dear Mr. Barnhardt:

It was a privilege to participate with you in the Working Group on Insulation Industry Hygiene at The Academy on May 14. The cooperation and sincerity evident promises success for our program to substantially eliminate significant health hazards in the insulation industry.

The Insulation Industry Research Council will meet on Tuesday, June 11, at 2:00 P.M. at The Academy of Sciences. In preparation for this meeting, a note has been sent to all participants of the Working Group (see attached) asking for suggestions and advice.

A provisional agenda is included with this letter. Additions to this agenda may be derived from suggestions to be made by participants of the Working Group.

I look forward to meeting with you on the 11th. With warm personal regards,

Sincerely yours,

Irving J. Selikoff, M.D., President-elect
The New York Academy of Sciences

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## III. TEST METHODS

A. Dust in air measurements will be made at the air inlet from the duct systems using appropriate test procedures to determine the nature and amount of both the respirable and non-respirable dust in the air. If significant amounts of dust in air is encountered at the air inlet, general room air dust in air measurements will also be made.

B. Settled dust samples will be obtained if significant amounts of settled dust is available in the areas into which the duct air is being carried. Appropriate quantitative and qualitative measurements will be made on such settled dust.

C. Bacteria in air will be measured by appropriate test procedures to determine the nature and amount of air contamination by pathogenic bacteria at the air inlet from the duct systems.

D. Miscellaneous

Outside air temperature and humidity date and air pollution index data, if available, will be obtained from appropriate sources to characterize ambient conditions at the site.

E. A quality of workmanship of duct installation evaluation will be performed by the Duct Committee to characterize this important factor.

## IV. ESTIMATE OF TIME AND COST

It is estimated that the above study can be completed within six months and will cost less than $10,000.