DISCUSSION OF PRESENTATION

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Q. OSHA talks about various exposure levels and exceeding them. How do you propose that we know that we have a particular concentration of 5, 10, 15 or 200 fibers/ml at the time that a person is being exposed?

A. The only possible way that I know of doing it is to take frequent 15-minute samples.

Q. It takes weeks to get our samples back with the results.

A. I appreciate the difficulty that you're up against. But, if you just put a personal sampler on a man and let him carry it through the workday, you won't learn of those excursions for which he would be required to wear the respirator. That is why I say you have to go to frequent 15-minute samples.

Q. One thing in particular, we are now required to take a sample plus two blank samples; this runs into a sizeable amount of money. Are we looking into any possibilities that Haskell will take over the counting so that we can get results without having to wait six weeks and possibly saving a little money also?

A. Let me remark that the recommended method is not a part of the Act. We are not obliged to follow that. Let's wait and see what comes out in the rule. Dr. Zapp might want to comment on whether within the Company we are going to set up facilities to do this counting.

Dr. Zapp It seems to me that it would be only logical and sensible that we do set up facilities within the Company to do this kind of analysis. After all, when you have a need for something, there are usually ways of getting it. Now, we in Haskell do have the equipment for counting;