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# OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP MINUTES
ROOM 6H230, BTL, MURRAY HILL, NEW JERSEY
MARCH 3, 1976

IN ATTENDANCE:

G. P. Bisgeier, M.D. - New Jersey Bell - Medical
J. M. Degen (Secretary) - AT&T - Customer Facilities
J. P. Dunn, M.D. - Western Electric - Medical
M. J. Hanley, M.D. - Bell Labs - Medical
B. M. May (Co-Chairman) - AT&T - Customer Facilities
J. F. McCahan, M.D. - AT&T Long Lines - Medical
R. W. Stone, M.D. (Co-Chairman) - AT&T - Medical

MEMBERS ABSENT:

G. R. Crimp
G. M. Wilkening

GUESTS:

W. J. Schreibeis - Bell Labs
H. C. Frey - Bell Labs

FUTURE MEETING

| DATE | LOCATION | TIME |
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| APRIL 8, 1976 | Murray Hill, New Jersey | 9:00 AM |

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## NEW ASBESTOS STANDARD

THE OHWG GAVE APPROVAL TO THE COMMENTS ON THE PROPOSED NEW ASBESTOS STANDARD FOR SUBMITTAL TO THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (COPY ATTACHED). WE HAVE PROPOSED THAT AN "ACTION LEVEL", CONSISTENT WITH OUR PREVIOUS DEFINITION OF THE TERM, BE ADDED TO THE PROPOSED STANDARD TO PROVIDE A MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION BELOW WHICH NO MEDICAL SURVEILLANCE WOULD BE REQUIRED. THIS PROVISION WOULD TEND TO HOLD THE EMPLOYER HARMLESS FOR BACKGROUND OR AMBIENT AIRBORNE ASBESTOS FIBERS THAT ARE NOT A RESULT OF THE EMPLOYER'S PROCESS OR WORK OPERATION.

## ASBESTOS IN THE BELL SYSTEM

THE BASELINE SURVEY PRESENTLY UNDERWAY INCLUDES CHECKS FOR AIRBORNE ASBESTOS IN MANY OF THE LOCATIONS SURVEYED. TWO VERY LIKELY AREAS, MOTOR VEHICLE SERVICING AND CABLE PULLING THROUGH TRANSITE DUCT, WERE NOT INCLUDED IN THE BASELINE TO DATE DUE TO NON-AVAILABILITY OF JOBSITES IN NEW JERSEY. ARRANGEMENTS ARE BEING MADE TO GO OUTSIDE OF NEW JERSEY AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE TO GATHER ACTUAL DATA ON THESE TWO OPERATIONS AS PART OF THE BASELINE SURVEY. FUTURE POLICY REGARDING ASBESTOS EXPOSURE WILL BE CONTINGENT ON THE RESULTS OF THE MEASUREMENTS.