

of dollars on medical research and engineering systems for dust control.

The asbestos industry continues its extensive efforts to eliminate worker exposure to asbestos dust through engineering controls and disciplined work practices. Concurrently, the tempo of investigation into the many questions surrounding the highly publicized asbestos-health relationship -- including research and analysis of evidence of asbestosis, lung and GI cancer and the rare disease mesothelioma -- has accelerated in world-wide effort to develop thorough scientific information on which to base sound, unemotional judgment on the issues of asbestos and health.

Conformance with the present OSHA regulatory standard, a challenging job, is being accomplished.

Comments on the proposed revision to the OSHA standard for occupational exposure to asbestos, from 2 f/cc to 0.5f/cc (29CFR Part 1910), submitted by this Association on behalf of the asbestos industry April 9, 1976 are available for review. The asbestos industry, after in-depth study of medical literature, technical feasibility and economic impact by independent consultants has recommended to OSHA adoption of a permanent standard of 2 f/cc of air time-weighted average, with a peak of 10 f/cc, using the membrane filter test method, phase contrast microscopy at 400-450 x magnification.

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