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Asbestos Study Committee

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TO: ACTIVE MEMBERS

SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND ON ASBESTOS

There has been considerable activity in the asbestos field over the past several months. It is suggested that this bulletin be forwarded to those in your organization most concerned with asbestos in the work place.

1. ASBESTOS STUDY COMMITTEE

Members of the Committee have been advised that a Committee meeting is planned for February 16, 1973. Among items to be discussed are labelling practices for brake linings and the EPA asbestos emissions standards.

2. ASBESTOS BAG OPENING MACHINERY

In Bulletin #459 the membership was advised that there was a machine for opening asbestos bags available from Fairmount Engineering. Mr. Weaver, Chairman of the Committee recommended that the membership be advised of others in this field. Among those listed are:

Stuart Glapat Corp., 1639 Moxahala Ave.
Zanesville, Ohio 43701
Fournier Steel Works, Box 460 - Black Lake
Quebec, Canada
Vanco Machine Co., Inc., 1059 West Main St.
Van Wert, Ohio 45891

3. EPA ASBESTOS EMISSIONS STANDARDS

We expect the EPA Standards for asbestos emissions to be published in the Federal Register about February 15, 1973. When these are published, we plan to send copies to the membership.

4. NEW YORK TIMES MAGAZINE ARTICLE "ASBESTOS, THE SAVER OF LIVES, HAS A DEADLY SIDE"

There was a feature article published in the New York Times magazine section on Sunday, January 21, 1973. The article emphasized medical histories of asbestos workers as concerns lung cancer, mesothalioma and asbestosis. The article relied heavily on data supplied by Dr. Selikoff of Mt. Sinai Hospital. One conclusion reached by the author (and of course by Dr. Selikoff) was that the 5 fibers/cc (TWA) concentration of asbestos fibers in the work place was too lenient. This is the standard that will be reduced to 2 fibers/cc on July 1, 1976. The Institute will provide a copy of this article to any member requesting one.

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