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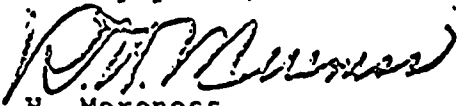
The Association's Standards and Technical Committee, assigned to the task of preparing revisions and work practices, consists of environmental control engineers, industrial hygienists, and safety and health directors. The Committee has consulted extensively with medical, management, labor and other disciplines within the industry. Edmund M. Fenner of the Johns-Manville Corporation serves as chairman of the Committee. Mr. Fenner is well known for his many years of experience in the occupational safety and health field. He is a regular member of the lecturing staff for NIOSH and participates in numerous national technical programs on occupational safety and health as concerns the asbestos industry. A list of other members of the Committee is attached.

The Association acknowledges the importance of disseminating information concerning asbestos regulations and work practices throughout the industry and is performing this function. Much has been done and much more will be done. We are proceeding with the development of work practice materials for member customers who are fabricators and processors of asbestos fiber and fiber-containing products.

We can report that there is an industry-wide appreciation of the health problems associated with asbestos dust in the workplace, requiring realistic understanding and remedial action where necessary.

We are indebted to Dr. O'Neill and Mr. Harry Gilbert for their outstanding assistance and professional guidance. We shall be pleased to meet with you or representatives of your office to discuss our recommendations and any other matters at your pleasure and convenience.

Sincerely yours,



R. H. Mereness
Executive Director

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Enclosures: (1) Recommendations for Revision, OSHA Occupational and Health Standard for Exposure to Asbestos Dust
(2) Suggested Workplace Practices in the Asbestos Industry

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