

THE NEW YORK
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April 10, 1968

Mr. Herbert L. Levine, President
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Dear Mr. Levine:

The New York Academy of Sciences has had a continuing interest in problems of health hazards in the asbestos insulation industry. Recent evidence suggests that while these hazards may be significant, conversely they may be sharply reduced or eliminated by appropriate remediable measures.

The Academy's Division of Environmental Sciences is therefore convening a Working Group on Insulation Industry Hygiene to consider the steps necessary to formulate an appropriate industrial hygiene program for this important industry. Experts from Industry, Labor, Government and Academic Institutions will participate; Industry representatives will include leading executives of the Johns-Manville Corporation, the Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation, the Certain-teed Products Corporation and others as well as representatives of the Quebec Mine Producers Association and the Insulation Distributor Contractors National Association; Labor representatives will include the President and appropriate staff members of the International Association of Heat and Frost Insulators and Asbestos Workers, while interested government agencies will include the United States Public Health Service and the United States Bureau of Mines.

The Working Group will meet at the Academy on May 14, 1968 at 9 AM. It is planned that the discussions will be completed by 5:30 PM; luncheon will be served at the Academy.

The Academy is honored to invite you to serve as a member of this Working Group, and to participate in the discussions concerning the development of a program for the removal of health hazards in the Insulation Industry. An outline is attached listing a number of areas that will be considered. Your thoughts on these subjects will be valued, as well as on such other aspects of the question that you consider important.

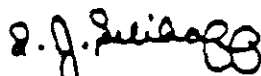
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The Academy will appreciate your early acceptance of this invitation and will be grateful for your participation in this Working Group.

Very truly yours,



Irving J. Selikoff, M.D.

President-Elect

The New York Academy of Sciences

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A. Industrial Hygiene Program: Insulation Industry

1. Identification of dust sources
 - a. Review of trade practices
 - b. Analysis of IAHPIAW survey
 - c. Baseline levels: light microscopy, E.M., biological
2. Prevention of dust formation
 - a. Materials manufacture
 - b. Packaging and transport
 - c. Manipulation of materials
 - d. Trade practices
3. Removal of dust
4. Protective masks
5. Housekeeping practices
6. Establishment of surveillance procedures
 - a. Dust levels
 - b. Materials; new materials
 - c. Trade practices
7. Employee examination schedules
8. Cigarette smoking

B. Organizational structure

1. Research Program: Academic
 - a. Current industry modifications; recommendations
 - b. Identification of necessary subsequent research

2. Industry Advisory Committee

3. Funding

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JUNE 28TH, 1968

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GENTLEMEN:

ON FRIDAY MORNING, JUNE 28TH, A MEETING OF THE INDUSTRIAL INSULATION HYGIENE COUNCIL WAS HELD AT THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF SCIENCES. AT THIS MEETING WAS PRESENTED A TENTATIVE PROOF OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS. THERE WERE SEVERAL AMENDMENTS TO BE MADE TO THIS, AND THERE WILL BE SUBMITTED TO MY OFFICE A COPY OF THE PROJECTED FINAL FORM OF THE CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION AND BY-LAWS. UNFORTUNATELY, I WILL BE AWAY ON VACATION FROM TOMORROW MORNING UNTIL JULY 14TH, AND A MEETING IS CALLED OF THE COUNCIL FOR MONDAY MORNING, JULY 15TH. I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE SOME COMMENT FROM THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS CONCERNING THE PROJECTED FORM OF INCORPORATION PAPERS AND BY-LAWS. I WILL, THEREFORE, HAVE MY OFFICE SEND OUT TO EACH OF YOU A COPY OF THESE WHEN THEY ARE RECEIVED HERE, AND I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE YOUR COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS IN MY OFFICE BEFORE 11TH JULY, SO THAT THEY CAN BE SENT ON TO MY HOME AND I CAN HAVE THEM AVAILABLE FOR THE MEETING ON THE MORNING OF 15TH.

THE PROJECTED METHOD OF FUNDING WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER, AND I WILL SUBMIT THIS FOR APPROVAL WHEN WE KNOW EXACTLY WHAT IS GOING ON. AS IT STANDS NOW, THE BUDGET FOR A 5 YEAR PERIOD IS APPROXIMATELY \$1,000,000 AND TENTATIVELY IT IS PROJECTED THAT 30% WILL BE FUNDED BY THE UNION, 30% BY THE CONTRACTORS (IDCNA), AND 40% BY INDUSTRY, SAME BEING REPRESENTED BY N.I.N.A. AND IN A SMALL PORTION BY S.M.F.H.A. THE THING IS MOVING ALONG



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WILLIAM D. DIEREN

TOO SLOWLY FOR THE LIXINGS OF DR. SELIKOFF, AND HUTCHINSON, BUT I.D.C.H.A. AND H.I.M.A. ARE THROWING ROAD BLOCKS. I DO HOPE THAT SOMETHING WILL BE FINALLY DETERMINED AT THE MEETING ON JULY 15TH. OTHERWISE, THIS WHOLE EFFORT COULD GO DOWN THE DRAIN AND THE UNIONS AND DR. SELIKOFF WOULD RUN OFF ON THEIR OWN TRYING TO GET SAFETY MEASURES ADOPTED. THIS WOULD BE VERY SERIOUS FOR US AND THE OTHER MANUFACTURERS, AND I HOPE THAT THEY REALIZE THIS AND COME UP WITH SOME DETERMINATION ON THE 15TH THAT WOULD PERMIT THE PROGRAM TO GO AHEAD. I WILL KEEP YOU INFORMED AS THE SITUATION DEVELOPS.

WITH KINDEST REGARDS.

VERY TRULY YOURS,

SPRAYED MINERAL FIBER MFRS. ASSN.

H. L. LEVINE

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