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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP

January 16, 1979

Murray Hill, New Jersey

Call To Order: 9:00 a.m. - Conference Room 33512

Luncheon: 12:00 noon - Dining Room D

Agenda -

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5. Discussion of Overall Asbestos Policy - Mr. Beach.

PLAINTIFF'S EXHIBIT

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Asbestos Monitoring

In response to several inquiries from operating telephone companies, Mr Schreibeis researched the availability of direct reading instruments that might be used to perform basic screening for asbestos exposures. Commercial models of respirable dust counters have been available for some time, but these instruments would not provide a reading of fibers present in the air.

A new instrument has recently been marketed that provides a direct readout of fibers, however, it does not distinguish asbestos fibers from other fibers, nor is it approved by NIOSH at the present time. It does not appear that this instrument would be of sufficient value at present to justify its purchase price of approximately \$10,000.



J. M. Degen
Secretary

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Occupational Health Working Group
Murray Hill, New Jersey
July 12, 1978

In Attendance

R. L. Beach (Co-Chairman) - AT&T - Customer Facilities
G. P. Bisgaier, M. D. - N. J. Bell - Medical
N. J. DeCapua - AT&T - Engineering
J. P. Dunn, M. D. - AT&T - Medical
C. H. Steinmetz, M. D. - N. Y. Telephone Co. - Medical
R. S. Stone, M. D. (Co-Chairman) - AT&T - Medical
G. M. Wilkening - BTL - Environmental Health

Absent

J. M. Degen
M. J. Hanley, M. D.
W. J. Rutkowski

Guests

W. J. Schraibels - BTL
G. D. Ware - Western Electric

Future Meeting

<u>Date</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Time</u>
August 22, 1978	Basking Ridge, N. J.	9:00 AM

OHWG Welcomes New Member

Dr. C. H. Steinmetz, Medical Director - Technology, New York Telephone Company, was welcomed as a new member of the Bell System Occupational Health Working Group. Dr. Steinmetz replaces Dr. J. F. McCahan who retired June 30, 1978.

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Management Of Asbestos Exposures

The management of exposures to asbestos fibers was the subject of extensive discussion. Of particular concern were problems surrounding the implementation of engineering and administrative controls, medical surveillance and employee information programs in connection with known hazards.

The need to obtain the support of appropriate organizations within the AT&T General Departments is particularly apparent in OHWG efforts to implement recommendations and procedures for protecting employees exposed to asbestos fibers during routine maintenance operations on motor vehicle brakes and clutches. While preliminary instructions were sent to the Operating Companies last year (OL-77-07-014 and letter to Medical Directors dated July 11, 1977), efforts to complete policy guidelines and final recommendations have lagged.

Mr. Beach agreed to contact the Motor Vehicle Group in the Customer Facilities organization to expedite this process. He promised a full report at the next regular meeting.

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OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH WORKING GROUP
Basking Ridge, N.J.
August 22, 1978

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N. J. DeCapua - AT&T, Engineering
J. M. Degen (Secretary) - AT&T, Customer Facilities
J. P. Dunn, M.D. - AT&T, Medical
M. J. Hanley, M.D. - BTL, Medical
J. R. Lauritzen - Western Electric, Bioenvironmental Engineering
C. H. Steinmetz, M.D. - N.Y. Tel., Medical
R. W. Stone, M.D. (Co-Chairman) - AT&T, Medical
G. M. Wilkening - BTL, Environmental Health and Safety

Guests:

H. M. Williams, Jr. - AT&T
A. H. Koenig - BTL
M. M. Weiss - BTL
R. C. Petersen - BTL
W. J. Schreiber - BTL

Future Meeting:

September 25, 1978 - Basking Ridge, N.J. - 9:00 a.m.

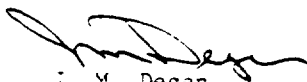
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MANAGEMENT OF ASBESTOS EXPOSURE

Mr. Beach distributed copies of GL 73-08-045 to those members of the OHWC who did not receive copies directly. A brief overview of the issues raised by the letter was presented along with the rationale behind the recommendations made.


J. M. Degen
Secretary

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