

GLOSSARY

For the purpose of clarity and uniformity, the terms used in this report are herewith defined according to the manner of their use.

- Asbestos workers:** Workers exposed to asbestos dust in other than mining operations.
- Asbestos miners:** Workers engaged in the mining and preparation of asbestos in the areas under study.
- Asbestosis:** A generalized fibrosis of the lungs diagnosable by x-ray, or by microscopic examination of the lung tissue, but not necessarily accompanied by symptoms or by disability.
- Cohort:** A segment of the population, defined according to certain criteria, and representative of the whole population. Specifically in this study, a group of asbestos miners having at least five years of exposure in the industry and who were in the industry during 1950.
- Lung cancer, cancer of the lung:** A neoplasm of the lung or bronchus, wherever situated, and including adenocarcinoma, squamous cell, and undifferentiated, round, or "oat cell" histological types. Primary cancer of the lung means such a neoplasm originating in the lung, and not secondarily in the lung as the result of a metastasis from another primary location in the body.
- Smoker:** As used in this presentation, the term smoker refers to a cigarette smoker, habitually smoking more than five cigarettes per day. Persons who smoke pipes or cigars exclusively were not considered to be smokers for the purpose of this study.