

MINUTES
Policy Committee Meeting
Environmental Health Task Force
April 15, 1969

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EXHIBIT

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C. B. Burnett

1. Warning Labels - QAMA members not reacting favorably.
2. Proposed Brake Lining Dust Research at IHF - suggested it not be assigned to IHF if we want it to be convincing to the public.
3. C. B. Burnett believes we should do city air sampling first. If no fibers, then no need to do brake lining dust study. Dr. Wright agreed - will tell IHF this is reason not proceeding on their studies at this time. Dr. Wright believes QAMA money should support such studies. He will work out plan when returns from Africa.

Dr. G. W. Wright

1. A/C Pipe and Stockinger - opposing views going to Dr. Marcus Key (Dr. Murray Brown's acting successor) - one from Dr. Stockinger, other from Dr. Cralley. Confused area.
2. Study of Asbestos Fibre in the General Environment - Dr. Paul Kotin has put asbestos fibre on the list of materials to be looked for in the Government's study of major cancer cities.
3. Floor Tile - Dr. Wright concerned with wearing of both vinyl-asbestos and asphalt-asbestos floor tile. Some studies made show that the wear is in the commercial area. Little wear in residential use. C. B. Burnett suggested we could check our own building elevators for tile wear - have elevator operators wear dust counters.

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Dr. G. W. Wright (Continued)

4. Use of Asbestos in Refractories - Dr. Wright suggested we research the possible dangers of using the J-M product, Promesium. Karl Lindell suggested rather than do research, we should discontinue the product. C. B. Burnett assigned K. V. Lindell to phase out Promesium with proper notification to customers.
5. Study of Workers in New Orleans - Dr. Wright has proposal from researchers at Tulane University to study workers at the New Orleans plants of J-M and National Gypsum. He is taking up with Scientific Committee or the Institute of Occupational and Environmental Health.

Basis of this recommended project is our biggest problem today - namely that Dr. Selikoff's reports on asbestos fibre in insulation workers are being extrapolated in every direction. We badly need a separate study of another group who work with asbestos.

Ivan Sabourin

Mesothelioma - Before 1960, there were four mesos in Canadian asbestos mines. Of all the mesos ever reported in Canada as of now, only two have been verified.

In South Africa, it is now said that 25% of all the mesos claimed by Wagner are not actually mesos.

The horizons are brighter - throughout the world, fewer and fewer mesos are being found.

J. B. Jobe

Mt. Sinai LHMP - as a result of the first issue of the Progress Report, Dr. Selikoff and Burt Jobe were invited to make a presentation to the Corpus Christi Contractors' group.

Burt Jobe plans to visit Turner & Newall plants in England. Dr. Selikoff would like to have Dr. Nicholson and Mr. Reitze accompany him.

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J. B. Jobe (Continued)

Brief report on the face mask development program - results of Chicago tests showed need for more development work on fit and eye-sighting factors. Dr. Pundsack to present findings to date at annual meeting of the American Industrial Hygienists Association in Denver in May.

H. M. Ball

Gave progress reports on:

1. Current litigation.
2. Industry-wide legal committee.
3. Implementation of labeling program.

F. J. Solon, Jr.

Gave progress reports on:

1. IIHRP Progress Report #2.
2. Safety Practices Booklet for overseas customers.
3. New background paper on ingestion.
4. Reference Book - further work assigned by C. B. Burnett.
5. Securing of science writer to work with Dr. Selikoff.
6. Upcoming meetings.