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Minutes: Air Hygiene and Manufacturing Committee
February 11, 1965
The Carolina Hotel
Pinehurst, N. C.
9:30 A.M. to 12 noon - 9:00 P.M. to 11:00 P.M.

Attending:

L. C. Williams	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
W. C. Atkinson	Johns-Manville Corp.
D. T. Austin	United States Rubber
A. C. Link	United States Rubber
T. C. McCluskey, Jr.	Tallman-McCluskey Fabrics Co.
A. P. Gouveia	H. K. Porter Co., Inc.
Hans Walter	American Asbestos Textile
E. W. Nelson	American Smelting & Refining Co.

Guests:

Dr. L. J. Cralley	U.S. Public Health Service
Dr. J. H. Wolfstie	Medical Director, U.S. Rubber Co.
E. L. Alexander	Asbestos Corp. Services, Ltd.

Absent:

J. L. Rainey	American Asbestos Textile
R. B. Smith	Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
C. L. Sheckler	Johns-Manville Corp.

Public Health Service Survey
Dr. Lewis J. Cralley
Scientist Director, Assistant Chief

Dr. Cralley and his group have completed eight (8) in-plant studies of plants producing Asbestos Textiles. At the present rate studies are being completed, it is anticipated all studies will be completed in 6 to 8 months. The number of years required to acquire meaningful data will be approximately twenty-five. This figure in some plants can be reduced to ten years because records are available for the past fifteen years.

When the environmental studies are complete, there will be need for a medical study; more information will be available about this request at a later date.

After Dr. Cralley had completed his report, the meeting was open to a question and discussion period.

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Review Current Publicity on the Effect
of Asbestos on Public Health

The following articles were reviewed and discussed:

1. "Dangerous Dust" - Scientific American, December, 1964 - Volume 211.
2. "Cancer Experts Eye Asbestos in Alarm/Cancer Experts Eye Asbestos Perils", by Josephine Robertson. The Plain Dealer, January 12, 1965, Cleveland, Ohio.

Review and discussion of these articles keeps members of the committees up to date on the publicity Asbestos is receiving relative to Public Health.

There have been some customer inquiries about dust control. Each member company has the pamphlet "Method for Determining Asbestos Dust Concentration", which they can forward to help educate their customers on testing dust concentration and also recommending control where necessary.

Conference - "Biological Effects of Asbestos"
October 19-21, 1964
New York City

Since our October meeting we have shipped out 17 copies of above mentioned pamphlet. This makes a total of 147 copies to date. Balance on hand is approximately 886 copies.

Shipments since October were made to:

Mines Branch Library, Dept. of Mines & Technical Surveys,
Ottawa, Canada.
Asbestos Textile Company, Chicago, Ill.
James Walker Packing Company, Chicago, Ill.
Everite Ltd., Transvaal, Republic of South Africa
Woodall Industries, Detroit, Mich.
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.
Asbestos Corporation Limited

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The February issue of the ASBESTOS Magazine will carry a review of Asbestos Textile Institute activities during the year 1964 and I have mentioned the availability of this pamphlet in the review.

We have sufficient copies for any ATI member or customer to

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purchase as a guide to setting standard dust concentration tests. Price/member - 50¢; non-member - \$1.00 per copy.

Order from - Asbestos Textile Institute
P. O. Box 239
Fompton Lakes, N. J. 07442

Suggestion Systems

Reviewed the method used by each company relative to - who may participate, who accepts or rejects, who accesses the value and what is the reward for accepted suggestions.

Following are general procedures:

1. Hourly employees participate.
2. Separate participation for salaried employees.
3. Management committee or Management and Employee committee accept or reject suggestion.
4. The value is accessed through complete investigation of the suggestion.
5. The reward is either a fixed amount or a percent of the first year's savings.

Most companies encourage suggestions as they are a very important part of the never ending search for operational improvements.

Variances - Production Control

Companies have different means of finding where their costs of manufacturing is off standard. Variance and Production Control systems immediately point out reduced or increased manufacturing cost to the Manager. When a change from standard is noted it is investigated and the cause noted. By this method a more accurate control can be placed on costs or corrections made when necessary and the reason noted.

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With today's cost of operation, a system such as this is a most valuable asset to Management.

Portable Vacuum Cleaner

Discussed several units currently available. No conclusions were reached and this item will be held in abeyance until the next meeting as several members expect to have completed evaluations program by that time.

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Noise Abatement

To date none of the member companies have had any compensation cases for loss of hearing. However, there is strong feeling among the committee that in the future the loss of hearing will be compensable. Each of us should be working to reduce noise to a safe level. This item will be reviewed and current information relative to same will be discussed periodically.

General Items

Plant safety, plant housekeeping, Quality Control and equipment were discussed.

Respectfully submitted,

L. C. Williams, Chairman
Air Hygiene & Mfg. Comm.

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