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Mr. Frank Wilcher, Jr., Executive Director
Industrial Safety Equipment Association
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Dear Frank:

On Wednesday, October 9, I attended the organizational meeting of the new L-18 Committee sponsored by the American Petroleum Institute.

There was lengthy discussion on the approach that should be taken in working toward standards. It was decided that our approach would be to first consider the nature of the hazard rather than the occupation or part of the anatomy to be protected. We identified eight hazards and they are shown on the attached listing, along with an example of each type hazard. Our next task is to define each of these eight major hazard classifications.

It's the request of the committee that each organization represented request members to submit definitions on each of the hazards. It's important that we have as much input as possible from users and manufacturers, as well as independent experts. It's for this reason that I would like you to make a mailing to all members of the SWAG listing the eight major classifications of hazards asking a definition. Be sure to include the examples I have given for each.

I think these definitions should be returned to ISEA Headquarters by December 1, 1974. The plan is to have each organization submit their members definitions by December 15 and that will give us 15 days to assemble the material and pass it on.

In the next week I'm expecting to get minutes of the meeting from the American Petroleum Institute but I did want to get a mailing out to SWAG members as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

L-18 STANDARDS COMMITTEE

Definition of Hazards - Major Classifications

Mechanical

Eg. abrasion - cutting - puncture - vibration

Electrical

Eg. static -

Airborne

Eg. dust -

Thermal

Eg. heat - cold -

Radiation

Eg. X-ray - infrared - atomic

Biological

Eg. germs

Chemical

Eg. liquid - vapor - solid

Miscellaneous

Eg. visibility