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BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20390

BUMED-73:NER:bl
2 March 1970

From: Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery
To: Commander, Naval Ship Engineering Center

Subj: BUMED recommendations for asbestos dust control; modification of

Ref: (a) BUMED ltr BUMED-732-SHE:smp of 8 Oct 1969
(b) BUMED ltr BUMED-73-NER:smp of 14 Nov 1969

1. References (a) and (b) recommended that material of lower asbestos content be substituted for those of high asbestos content. The recommendation was made empirically in accordance with established industrial hygiene principals. As a result of this recommendation, the Naval Ship Engineering Center proposed to change Military Specification MIL-I-2781D to eliminate fibrous pipe.

2. On 24 February 1970, this Bureau was visited by Mr. John Price, Vice President, Pittsburg Corning Company, and L. B. Grant, M. D., Medical Director of PPG Industries, manufacturers of Unibestos, who stated that proposed modification of Military Specification MIL-I-2781D would effectively eliminate their product from Navy contracts. They further alleged that due to the processing of the fibers in the manufacture of their product, airborne asbestos dust concentrations would be no higher than those for calcium silicate pipe products. To substantiate their claim, Pittsburg Corning has offered to sponsor a comparative study between their product and calcium silicate pipe products to be conducted at an independent laboratory under a protocol subject to the review and approval of BUMED and to be completed within six months. Pittsburg Corning stated that they are willing to "stand or fall" on the basis of the results of this study.

3. The Bureau of Medicine and Surgery considers that the Pittsburg Corning proposal is reasonable and is willing to hold in abeyance its recommendations concerning substitution of high asbestos content products for a period not to exceed six months from this date.

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