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To: Participants in Asbestos Industry Response to the Proposed Asbestos Regulation

Subject: Task Force Status Report -- Forwarding of Comments by Hans Weill, M. D. on Proposed Revision to OSHA Asbestos Standard

The Association's Executive Committee will meet with Mr. Guy G. Gabrielson, Jr., Chairman, AIA/NA OSHA Standard Task Force, Thursday, March 25 for review of documents to be submitted to OSHA by the announced comment deadline April 9. On Friday, March 26, the "comment package" will be presented at a meeting of the Association's directors following which the documents, including the comprehensive report of the Roy F. Weston, Inc. technological feasibility and economic impact study, and specific recommendations for changes to the proposed revision to the standard, will be mailed to all participants for endorsement. It is recognized that little time will be available for review of the documents by those not attending the Board of Directors meeting. The time requirements of the task offer no alternative if we are to meet the April 9 deadline.

Because of the significance of the comments prepared by the Association's medical consultant, Dr. Hans Weill, on the medical science issues raised in the proposed revision to the OSHA standard to those participants who are preparing company or trade association response to OSHA in addition to endorsement of the AIA/NA task force presentation, Dr. Weill's statement is forwarded with this memorandum.

We are pleased to advise that the Association continues to increase its membership and a number of non-member companies and associations have contributed to the extraordinary expense of consultant fees and task force administrative costs. We are appreciative of the splendid cooperation of participants in the Association's efforts to assist the Department of Labor in the development of a practicable standard for the protection of asbestos workers.

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